On a Saint's Day

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, to know the hope to which he has called you. *Amen.*

May God, who has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying in the lives of the saints, bring you to share their glorious inheritance. *Amen.*

May God, who calls you no longer strangers but fellow citizens with the saints, set your hearts and minds on things above, where Christ is seated at God's right hand. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Solemn Blessings

May God the Father bring us to the home which his Son prepares for all who love him. *Amen*.

May God the Son give us the will to live for him each day in life eternal. *Amen*.

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance that our citizenship is in heaven with the blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed. *Amen*.

And the blessing ...

or

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing...

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Advent

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

or

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. *Amen*.

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. *Amen*.

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. *Amen*. And the blessing ...

or

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. *Amen*.

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. *Amen*.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love. *Amen.*

And the blessing ...

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen*.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

Christmas Day until the Eve of the Epiphany

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God...

or

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God...

or

From the day after All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent

May Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing ...

Feasts of the Blessed Virgin

May God the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. *Amen.* May Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the Godbearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. *Amen*. And the blessing...

or

May the Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the Godbearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. *Amen*.

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. *Amen.*

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

or

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. *Amen.*

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. *Amen*.

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. *Amen.* And the blessing...

or

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing ...

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. *Amen*. May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. *Amen*.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God -bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. *Amen*. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

or

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen*.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen*. And the blessing ...

Epiphany

May Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing ...

or

May Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God...

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. *Amen*.

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son. *Amen.*

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

or

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. *Amen*.

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen*. May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come

to the waters of new birth. *Amen*.

And the blessing ...

The Presentation of Christ

May Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing...

Trinity Sunday

יָבָרֵכְרֶ יִהנָה וִיִשְׁמְרָר:

Ye-va-re-khe-KHA a-do-nai ve-yish-me-RE-kha.

The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.

יָאֵר יְהוָה | פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךְ וִיחֻנָּךְ:

Ya-ER a-do-nai pa-NAV e-LE-kha vi-khun-NEK-ka.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

יִשָּׂא יָהוָה | פַּנַיו אֱלֵיךְ וְיָשֶׂם לְךְ שַׁלְוֹם:

Yis-SA a-do-nai pa-NAV e-Le-kha ve-ya-SEM le-kha sha-LOM. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.

or

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing...

All Saints' Day

May God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. *Amen*.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. *Amen*. May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. *Amen*. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

or

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. *Amen*.

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. *Amen*.

And the blessing...

or

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing...

<u>From Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of</u> <u>Lent</u>

May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing ...

or

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. *Amen*.

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. *Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. *Amen*.

And the blessing ...

From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week

May Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing...

The Annunciation of Our Lord

May Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing ...

From Easter Day until the Eve of the Ascension

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing...

May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. *Amen*.

May God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. *Amen*.

May God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

or

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen*.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing...

or

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing...

Ascension Day

May Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

or

May God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. *Amen*. May God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. *Amen*. May God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. *Amen*. And the blessing...

or

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing...

From the day after Ascension Day until Pentecost

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing...

or