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

From the Church of England Common Worship

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May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing ...

Sr. Ruth Fox, OSB

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The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing ...

The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer 1979

General Blessings

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May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

1-18 from the Church of England Common Worship

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May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing ...

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May God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing ...

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May the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing ...

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May Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing ...

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The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing...

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May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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May Christ the good shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear his voice, to be one flock within one fold; and the blessing ...

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May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith [and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond all knowledge, you may be filled with all the fullness of God]; and the blessing ...

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May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing ...

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May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing...

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God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the world, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing ...

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As you depart from this place, always remember the Gospel: That God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to himself, not counting men's sins against them. God loves you, God forgives you, God is not mad at you, He will never leave you or forsake you. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Charismatic Episcopal Church Lake St. George Benediction

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You have received the body of Christ. Now be the body of Christ, broken and poured out for the world, and the blessing ...

The Rev. Dr. James Farwell

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May God give you the grace to never sell yourself short; Grace to risk something big for something good; and Grace to remember the world is now too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love, and the blessing ...

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin

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God never said thou shalt not be tempest, tried, or travailed; no. But God did say thou shalt not be overcome. So go forth for your Creator has made you Holy and serve God in all that you do, and the blessing ...

St. Julian of Norwich

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May Christ, who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy in believing, and the blessing ...

A New Zealand Prayer Book

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May the Lord write his blessed name upon your heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move you from his love. *Amen.*

May Christ, the Son who knows our suffering, be to you a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, and a deliverer in distress. *Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, the Advocate sent from above, be to you a present help in trouble and a guide to heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Thomas a Kempis, quoted in Prayers of the Middle Ages, ed. Potts

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May the Blessed Virgin be as a mother to you, may St. Michael and all the holy angels guard and protect you, may the glorious company of saints in heaven intercede for you, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer 1979 Unction

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May God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing

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The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing ...

16

May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light. *Amen.*

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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

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

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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Numbers 6:22-27

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Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing ...

Based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel.

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Almighty God, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one of you in your ministry; and the blessing ...

From the Church in Ireland Book of Common Prayer 2004

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The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish, and strengthen you in the Faith, and the blessing...

22-27 from the Church in Wales Book of Common Prayer 2004

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May God the Father, who created all things out of nothing, bless you; may the Son of God, who with his own blood restored mankind, keep you; may the Holy Spirit illuminate you, and the infusion of his loving consolation ever comfort you; may the most Holy Trinity deliver you from all evil, preserve and confirm you in every good work, and lead you to eternal life. *Amen.*

Sarum Breviary, ed. Chambers

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May God have mercy upon you and give you peace, may the power of Christ dwell in your hearts, may the Holy Spirit sent from heaven teach you, and the blessing of God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Sarum Breviary, ed. Chambers

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May the almighty Lord with his grace evermore bless you. May Christ give to you the joys of life everlasting. Inwardly and outwardly, may the Holy Spirit ever cleanse you. And the blessing of God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Sarum Breviary, ed. Chambers

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May God the Father who first loved us and made us accepted in the Beloved; may God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood; and may God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts, bless you, more than you can conceive, this day and for evermore. *Amen.*

Thomas Ken, from Westminster Abbey's Short Thanksgiving for Victory, 1945

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The power of the Father govern and protect you; the wisdom of the Son teach and enlighten you; the influence of the Holy Spirit renew and quicken you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

From A Book of Prayers by Charles W. Leffingwell, 1922

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May our Lord Jesus Christ be near you to defend you, within you to refresh you, around you to preserve you, before you to guide you, behind you to justify you, above you to bless you, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for evermore. *Amen.*

Anonymous, quoted in Prayers of the Middle Ages, ed. by J. Manning Potts, 1954

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

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May the eternal God bless and keep us, guard our bodies, save our souls, and bring us safe to the heavenly country, our eternal home, where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit reign, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sarum Breviary, adapted by the Church of England

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May God the Father eternal bless you with his continual blessing, God the Son vouchsafe to bless and help you, and the grace of the Holy Spirit illumine your hearts and bodies. *Amen.*

Sarum Breviary, ed. by John David Chambers

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God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory with great joy, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and raise you up at the last day, and the blessing ...

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The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill you hearts, and the blessing ...

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Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus who was wounded for our sins, that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples, and the blessing...

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Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, bring us and all who hear his voice into one fold, and the blessing ...

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Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever, and the blessing ...

Jude 24-25

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God who has called you is faithful. Go into the world with joy, forgive generously, love extravagantly, live abundantly. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

From the Anglican Church of Australia 2009 Order for the Holy Communion

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May God be a bright flame before you; a guiding star above you; a smooth path below you; a kindly shepherd behind you — today, tonight, and forever. And the blessing...

From a prayer of Saint Columba

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All of our problems, *we send to the cross of Christ.*

All of our difficulties, *we send to the cross of Christ.*

All of the devil's works, *we send to the cross of Christ.*

All our hopes, *we set on the risen Christ.*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

From the Church of the Province of Kenya Service of Holy Communion, 1989, printed in Offerings from Kenya to Anglicanism by Graham Kings and Geoff Morgan, 2001.

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Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, and the blessing ...

Hebrews 13:20-21

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May the power of God enable you, the nakedness of God disarm you, the beauty of God amaze you, the justice of God give you voice; may the integrity of God hold you, the desire of God move you, the fierceness of God lead you to truth, the breath of God give you abundant life. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Janet Morley

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Depart now in peace and as you go, remember by the goodness of God you were born into this world, by the grace of God you have been kept all the day long even unto this hour, and by the love of God revealed in the face of Jesus, you are being redeemed. And the blessing

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The Rev. Dr. John Claypool

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The power of the Father, guide and guard us. The wisdom of the Son, enlighten us. The working of the Spirit, quicken us. Guard our souls. Strengthen our bodies. Our senses, refine; our conduct, correct; our characters, set in tune.

Bless our actions: perfect our prayers: breathe into us holy thoughts. Our sins that are past, forgive, our present sins, amend, and future sins, prevent.

Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, far beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us: to Him be glory in the Church in Christ unto all generations. *Amen.*

Bishop Lancelot Andrewes

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