

House Blessing
Friday 22 June 2001

Standing outside after casket has left. Awareness prayer
Sprinkling water

Psalm 91

House Blessing Prayer

In the name of the Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Peace be to this house.

Gracious God, creator of all things,
you are our strong fortress and our shield, our strength, our hope, and our eternal home.

Make this house a place of peace, a haven for all who enter it.

Surround this house with grace,
wash away all fear and hate, violence and sickness,
fill this house with your presence and your protection.

Bless this place, and all who shelter here.

May your great love tenderly care for this family,
today and through the months ahead.

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Support them as they grieve, and remember, and slowly learn to live again, without ...

Bring them good friends to comfort and to just be there for them.

Teach them to listen and care for one another.

Grief is a long and difficult journey, Lord.

Give them the strength to accept all that they may pass through,
uncomfortable feelings of pain, anger, guilt,

the struggle to do normal things, to keep up a normal face for the world.

May they always know your friendship beside them,

may they hold fast to the truth that death is part of life,

and may they carry the hope that love and laughter and joy will spring again.

I pray especially for today, for the funeral, and for ... as his body travels the road, and is cremated. We release his life and spirit into your hands.

Set him free, Lord. Draw him smoothly, tenderly, into your eternal care.

Through the name of Jesus Christ, who walked through the shadow of death and rose to life again,

Amen.

Blessing:

*May God make safe to you each step
May God make open to you each pass,
May God make clear to you each road,
And may He take you in the clasp of His own two hands.*