

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Overview for FDLC

The newly revised *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* is the perfect resource for parents and children to explore the rich treasury of the Catholic tradition of prayer. Use *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* to

- Learn the essential "by heart" prayers that every Catholic child and adult should know
- Practice the simple form of the Liturgy of the Hours as a family
- Celebrate the feasts and seasons of the Church year in ritual and prayer
- Bless the sacramentals that are part of the Catholic tradition like the advent wreath, Christmas crèche, Easter foods, and candles for the home
- Lead grace before and after meals
- Pray for family members
- Bless the home before a move and in times of trouble

About the Revision

The USCCB undertook the revision of *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* for several reasons. The liturgical calendar was outdated. Booksellers had been requesting a more substantial binding, suitable for gift-giving. Bishops wanted to include some of the newer prayers by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI as well as some prayers published by the USCCB. In addition, new prayers were added for stewardship, vocations, retirement, and the like. An entirely new thematic section of scripture excerpts was added as well. The revision includes a Scripture index and a first line index to make it easier to use. As such, the revised text is substantially longer than the current edition. It is bound in bonded leather with gold stamping, and colored end papers, and includes a presentation page. The scripture excerpts used are taken from the Lectionary for Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours.

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