



How to Pray Over Your Home

FOCUS VERSE:

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Whether a studio apartment in the city or a five-bedroom home in the suburbs, our home is our refuge, our safe place from the world. We not only want visitors to feel comfortable, but we want that same level of comfort for ourselves. A lot of physical labor and money is spent on cleaning supplies to maintain clean homes. And that’s good. We should all desire to make our homes inviting for family and guests.

Many rituals in the Old Testament associate cleanliness with godliness. Long before the scientific world caught up with the ancient laws, God taught His people that there was a connection between physical cleanliness and health.

Are we just as invested in spiritual cleanliness and how it affects our spiritual health? Spiritually cleansing our homes will help them become the inviting spaces we desire.

If someone walked into your home right now, would they feel the presence of the Lord or the world? There is no in-between. If your house doesn’t have the presence of the Lord, it has the presence of the world. If turmoil, anxiety, or strife exist in your home, anointing it with oil and praying over it will change the atmosphere.

How does the presence of the Lord come into our homes? It’s simple. We must invite Him in. God is not rude or disrespectful; He will not arrive where He is uninvited. When Jesus commissioned the disciples, He told them what to do when they were not welcome: *“And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet”* (Matthew 10:14, NKJV).

Praying over your entire home and family is a great way to ask Jesus to come in. And when you pray, you can also anoint your home with oil. It doesn't have to be a particular type of oil. I use lemon essential oil because it makes my house smell good, and the sharp citrus smell keeps me focused.

The schedule and frequency are up to you. You might pray through your home weekly, at the beginning of the month, or sporadically. Pray to be in tune with the Holy Spirit and let Him guide you.

Whatever schedule you decide on, remember that the oil is symbolic; the power is in Jesus' name. Before using the oil, pray over it yourself or ask your pastor or a minister to pray over it. I recommend keeping the consecrated oil in a container separate from oil used for other purposes.

PRAYER TO BLESS THE OIL

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that the anointing and all power come from You. Use this oil for Your glory as I pray for my home and family. Help me remember Your love and mercy towards us. This oil represents Your continued blessing upon us. As I use it, I ask that You speak to me. May we feel Your presence in our home. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

You can use the oil to bless anything and anyone in your house. To bless a room, dab a little oil on your fingers and touch the doorframe and the door to the room. Bless your home's front and back doors, praying for God's protection and guidance, peace and unity within your home, faithfulness and rest, and more as God directs you.

To pray over someone in your home, you can anoint them directly, any area they are around, or any object they frequently use.

Start a prayer walk through your home, asking God for His provision and protection as you worship and thank Him for His blessings. You can do this before moving into a new home or in an existing house.

I have included sample prayers and scriptures to pray over each area of your home, but I encourage you to be creative and personalize your prayers. Pray specifically for each family member. Pray for any circumstances that your family is facing. And if you have children, get them involved. Let them pray if they want to or encourage them to participate in your prayer walk.

Inspirational Scripture:

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2, NKJV).

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PRAYER FOR YOUR ENTRYWAY

Lord Jesus, bestow your blessings on everyone who enters this home. I pray that the outside world will stay outside this door. Make it a barrier. Make this a place representing Your love, mercy, grace, and truth to believers and unbelievers alike. When we walk out this doorway, keep us focused on what is eternal, not what is temporal, and clothe us in the armor of truth, righteousness, peace, and faith. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR YOUR KITCHEN

Thank you, Lord, for food to eat and the means to prepare it. Bless our kitchen as the center of our home. When family and friends gather may they feel the warmth and love that You provide physically and spiritually. We pray for those who do not have comfortable houses or full pantries, and in love, we seek opportunities to share our blessings. Give us caring hearts in Jesus’ name, amen.



Inspirational Scripture:

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen” (Matthew 6:9-13, NKJV).

“Who gives food to all flesh, for His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever!” (Psalm 136:25-26, NKJV).

PRAYER FOR YOUR BEDROOM(S)

Lord, I pray over every member of this household. Give them peaceful and protected sleep. I dedicate my children to You and promise to raise them according to Your Word. I pray for my husband and myself and our marriage. I thank You for my family and ask that You keep them safe and healthy throughout their days. Guide them to be good and faithful ambassadors of Christ. Teach them to love You with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. May everything we say and do be for Your glory. Amen.

Inspirational Scripture:

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24–26, NKJV).

“I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.” (Psalm 4:8, NKJV)

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30, NKJV).

PRAYER FOR YOUR DINING ROOM

Lord, bless the time we spend around the table with our family and friends. Help us show hospitality to everyone who joins us at our table. Guide our conversation as we gather and help us keep our hearts open to You. Give us opportunities to share Your Word and fellowship with others. May Your Spirit speak to everyone who sits here, and may our hospitality reach beyond our circle of acquaintances to strangers and new friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

Inspirational Scripture (NKJV)

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, give to hospitality” (Romans 12:9-13, NKJV).

“Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:1-2, NKJV).

“Therefore if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:20-21, NKJV).

PRAYER FOR YOUR LIVING/FAMILY ROOM

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunities to gather here with family and friends. May Your presence be always felt. Help us wisely choose the media we view and the words we say. Keep us from temptation and protect us from evil. May our hearts and minds be filled with Your peace and love, and may we learn to direct our footsteps according to Your Word. Amen.

Inspirational Scripture:

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3, NKJV)

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32, NKJV).

PRAYER FOR YOUR LAUNDRY ROOM

Thank you, Lord, for the clean clothes we have to wear. I pray for a joyful heart, even when doing mundane tasks for my family. Teach me to appreciate all You provide and never take anything for granted. In Jesus' name, amen.

Inspirational Scripture:

“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not



much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:28-34, NKJV).

PRAYER FOR YOUR BATHROOM

Lord, we thank you for access to clean water and sanitary conditions. Thank you for washing away our sins and restoring our relationship with You. Show us areas that still need cleansing and give us humble and repentant hearts. Cleanse us from idolizing anyone or anything other than You and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

Inspirational Scripture:

"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:2, NKJV).

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, NKJV).

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10, NKJV).

With Christ in you, you have power and authority over the world that tries to affect the atmosphere in your home. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NKJV).

Stay blessed.

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