

# Blessing of Worship Furnishings



*This order may precede the primary service of the congregation, especially when the furnishings are to be used throughout the service. It may also precede the prayers of intercession.*

*The presiding minister may lead the prayer from the location of the furnishing being dedicated.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart *this* \_\_\_\_\_ to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe,  
for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;  
you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children;  
and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

*Tower bell/s or carillon*

Send your blessing on *this bell*, which we set apart today;  
may it faithfully call people to worship and proclaim to the world your presence.

*Cross/crucifix*

Send your blessing on *this cross/crucifix*, which we set apart today;  
may this sign of your Son's triumph draw us to him  
who leads us with this banner of salvation.

*Candlesticks/lamps/torches*

Send your blessing on these *candlesticks/lamps/torches*, which we set apart today;  
may they be to us a sign of Christ, the Light of the world,  
the light no darkness can overcome.

*Bible/s, lectionary book/s*

Send your blessing on *this Bible / lectionary book*, which we set apart today;  
may our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures,  
and may your holy wisdom lead us to salvation.

*Paten/chalice/communion vessels*

Send your blessing on *this paten / chalice / communion vessels*,  
which we set apart today;  
may all who receive the *bread of heaven and the cup of blessing*  
be sustained by your grace and power.

*Paraments/banners*

Send your blessing on *these paraments/banners*, which we set apart today;  
may *they* adorn this house, show us the beauty of holiness,  
and so proclaim the glory of your majesty.

*Vestments*

Send your blessing on *these vestment/s*, which we set apart today;  
may those who wear *them* serve you in humility,  
and may all your people, clothed with Christ in baptism,  
worship you with the saints robed in light around your throne.

*Funeral pall*

Send your blessing on this pall, which we set apart today;  
may it be a reminder that in baptism we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ,  
and that in death we are received into the arms of your mercy.

*Windows*

Send your blessing on *these window/s*, which we set apart today;  
as the light shining through *them* is transformed into still greater splendor,  
so may our lives show the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace.

*Visual art/sculpture/icon*

Send your blessing on *this \_\_\_\_\_*, which we set apart today;  
may the material things of your creation, shaped by human hands,  
draw our hearts to things that can be seen only by the eye of faith.

*General*

Send your blessing on *this \_\_\_\_\_*, which we set apart today;  
may *it* serve to increase our vision of your glory,  
to remind us of your goodness,  
and to support our calling to worship you in spirit and truth.

*General*

Send your blessing on *this \_\_\_\_\_*, which we set apart today;  
may we make use of *it* in reverence and love, giving glory to your holy name.

*The prayer concludes:*

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.<sup>854</sup>

**Amen.**