

## PRAYERS FOR USE IN A NEW HOME

May your blessing rest upon this new home  
whose life begins today.

Sanctify it with your presence,  
and fill it with peace and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord bless us and protect us.  
Lord, smile on us and show us your favour.  
Lord, befriend us and prosper us.

Thank you, God, for this new home,  
for the excitement of moving,  
for the challenge of making this place a home.  
Thank you that wherever I go,  
whatever I do,  
whatever happens,  
you are by my side.  
Lord Jesus, help me  
to put aside those fears, doubts  
and any second thoughts I am having  
and help me to enjoy this new home,  
to make it a place where your peace reigns.

Father of all people,  
make the roof of my house wide enough for all opinions,  
oil the door of my house so that it opens easily to friend and stranger,  
and set such a table in my house  
that my whole family may speak kindly and freely round it.

O God, thank you for new opportunities and new beginnings.  
I know a new home does not make new people.  
I am sorry if I have brought with me  
attitudes and ways which would have been better left behind.  
But Lord Jesus, I want to take advantage of this new start.  
Help me to get my priorities right,  
and to build my life on your promises.

O God,  
make the door of this house  
wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship  
and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.  
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block  
but strong enough to turn back the temptations of evil.  
O God,  
make the doorway of this house  
the gateway to your eternal kingdom.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus,  
into my heart and home.  
You are a welcome guest.  
Feast at my table,  
drink of my wine.  
Thank you for your friendship.  
Please stay with me now and always.