A Prayer for the Home

to be prayed over the house

Lord Jesus,

You who once had no place to lay Your head,

and who still chooses to make Your home with us,

we invite You into this house.

Bless the thresholds we cross each day —

the door we open in the morning and the one we close at night.

Bless the kitchen table where bread is broken

and conversations rise, sometimes in laughter, sometimes in weariness.

Bless the rooms where we rest, where we work,

where children grow, where quiet prayers are offered when no one else is listening.

Drive far from this dwelling anything that would harm body or soul.

Let Your holy angels keep watch here.

Teach us to welcome the stranger as we would welcome You,

and to forgive one another as we have been forgiven.

May this house be a place where Your name is hallowed,

where daily bread is received with gratitude,

and where we learn, little by little,

to love as You have loved us.

Stay with us, Lord.

Be the guest at our table,

the listener in our silences,

and the light that never leaves.

We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.
