

BLESSINGS AS WE GO FORTH IN PEACE

**As we go forth from this place of blessing
to dedicate a sign of our desire to be people of healing and hope,
we now bless one another, that our whole being may be peace.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead.

**May you forever bear the mark of Christ's saving death and resurrection
and of your own entry into the paschal mysteries
when you became a beloved child of this earth
and when you were claimed as God's own beloved in baptism.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your ears.

**May you hear the Word in the silent energies of the universe,
in the Scriptures written on the pages of your life,
in the voices of the creatures of God,
and especially in the unspoken needs of human hearts.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes.

**May you see the glory of God
in awesome contemplation of the mysteries of creation,
in worship and celebration, in the blessings of community,
in the grace of relationships,
and in all that reveals the unseen face of God.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your lips.

**May you respond to the word of God
and speak God's name by who you are,
what you care about,
how you live,
and what you proclaim.**

Receive the sign of the cross over your heart.

**May Christ dwell there by faith,
and give you hearts that imitate the very heart of God,
abundantly compassionate, simple and humble,
loving life into fullness wherever you find it.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders.
May you bear the gentle yoke of Christ,
and lift from this world and her peoples
what is burdensome, oppressive, or negligent,
and all that is harmful to our common good
because of selfish or unthinking practices.

Receive the sign of the cross on your hands.
May Christ be known in the work that you do,
in touches that sanctify, heal, and befriend
those who stretch out their hands to you,
the gardens of earth that claim your tender care,
and the parts of the silent world that cannot ask for your touch.

Receive the sign of the cross on your feet.
May you may walk in the way of Christ,
your feet steadfast on the journey,
gentle upon the earth,
leading and companioning the pilgrims who walk beside you.

**We go forth now
to places new to our consciousness
and to creatures in need of the peace only we can bring,
where we pray God may dwell with us and bless us,
the Source of all Being,
the Eternal and Creative Word,
and the Wisdom Spirit who enlightens all,
now and forever and ever. Amen.**