# **DORM ROOM BLESSING**

Gather some folks together for this simple dorm room blessing.

# **Opening Words:**

In a life that is busy with school, work, music, and play, we take a moment to ask for God's blessing and to seek reminders of God's presence in this new space that will soon be home. We pray that it will be a space where creativity grows, knowledge is challenged, bodies are refreshed, spirits are nurtured, and faith is restored.

[light candle or, if they are not allowed in your dorm room, pour water into a small bowl]

## Scripture Reading: (based on Proverbs 24:3-4)

By wisdom a home can be built from a room, and by understanding it can be established as your resting place. Through knowledge, may this space be filled by year's end with rare, beautiful, and unexpected treasures.

### Prayer:

Loving God of all,

your love overflows into all areas of our lives, and there is no space where your grace cannot be found.

We ask your blessing on this dorm room and we dedicate it to your service.

As we move through this space to offer blessings, be present in us God, and release any negativity that we may carry,

so that we bring only love and care into this space. [pick up the candle or bowl and walk around the room touching or sprinkling water in each area; allow space for people to add their own blessings]

### **Door Frame:**

May all who are invited in be welcomed here. May they leave any hostility and closed-mindedness outside so that this room can remain a place where love grows.

[space for other blessings ...]

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

# Closet:

May [insert name] feel clothed in God's love each day and empower them to be their authentic self. [space for other blessings]

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

#### Bed:

May [insert name] experience the precious gift of sleep and renewal.

May your presence sanctify this bedroom so that dreams are not disturbed by the fears, worries, and the stresses of student life.

[space for other blessings]

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

#### Desk:

May God bless and guide [insert name]'s work and study.

May [insert name]'s study deepen their wonderment of your awesome creation.

[space for other blessings]

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

#### Washroom:

May [insert name] find refreshment and rejuvenation here. [space for other blessings]

Thanks be to God. **Amen.** 

# Kitchenette:

May all who eat here feel fed and nourished physically and spiritually.

May [insert name] remain hungry for justice until all are fed.

[space for other blessings] Thanks be to God.

Amen.

### Centre of the Room / Main Living Space:

May anything or anyone that comes to tear down and separate be removed, so that all who enter here may find peace and love.

God, hear all these prayers and the prayers that we name to you now...

[say your own prayers for the space, the school year, and the student]

We ask this in the power of the Creator, the love of Jesus, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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