

Blessing of Homes at Easter:

Read from the Gospel of Luke the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9) then pray:

“Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death; by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

Amen.

“May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.”

Amen.

Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter:

Start with the sign of the cross:

“Throughout Lent we have been preparing for the resurrection of the Lord by prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Our Lenten fasting is a reminder of our hunger and thirst for holiness which is satisfied only by Christ who feeds and nourishes us by his word and sacraments. When we gather at our first meal of Easter may this food be a sign for us of that heavenly banquet to which the Lord call us.”

Read from the Book of Deuteronomy the account of the Passover:

(Deuteronomy 16:1-8)

“God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord’s table continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet.”

Amen.

“May Christ nourish us and strengthen us in faith and love, now and forever.”

Amen.

