Prayer of Gratitude and Blessing: Person’s Name

Date

Invitation to Prayer

Reading/Scripture TBD

Naming of Gifts

Blessing (alter for proper gender pronouns before printing)

All    Blessed are You, Lord our God,
       who gives spice to life with change.

       We thank You for the gift of change,
       that gift of newness that opens doors
       closed by habit and routine.

       We bless You and thank You as well
       for that which is stable and unchanging,
       for the ancient and traditional
       which give meaning to the new and different.

       We ask Your blessing upon [insert name]
       as he is about to embark on a new ‘journey’.

       May You, Holy Guide of Travelers,
       be his ever-near companion,
       spreading the ‘road’ before him
       with beauty and adventure.

       Free that road from harm and evil,
       and send as their escorts Your holy spirits,
       Your angelic messengers,
       who accompanied the holy ones of days past.

       On this journey, may he take with him
       as part of his traveling equipment,
       a heart wrapped in wonder
       with which to rejoice in all he shall meet.

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Along with that clothing of wonder,  
may he have room in his luggage  
for a mystic map.

With the aid of this map,  
may he read the invisible meanings  
of the events of this journey:  
of possible disappointments and delays,  
of possible breakdowns and rainy day troubles.

Always awake to Your Sacred Presence  
and to Your divine compassionate love,  
may he see in all that happens,  
in the beautiful and the bad,  
the mystery of your holy plan.

We make our prayer with confidence  
in your love and care for us.

Amen!

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**Sung Blessing**

**MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU**  
Christopher Walker

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