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Blessing of a Holy Door in the Home

*All gather in an appropriate place of the house, close to the door to be blessed.
Once there, the leader begins:*

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace and Mercy be with this house and with all who enter here. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All Respond: Both now and for ever.

Leader: As we gather in this Year of Mercy to bless our family's Holy Door, we remember that the Father is loving and merciful and always calls us to himself.

Then the Scripture is read:

Leader: Let us listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Jesus said to his disciple:
"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Give and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together, shaken down,
and overflowing, will be poured upon you.
For the measure with which you measure
will in turn be measured out to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All process to the door that is to be blessed.

Then, the Leader begins:

Leader: Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
King of the Universe!
You bless our coming in and our going out,
from birth to death, you hold us in your care.

Bless this door, O Lord,
which we consecrate to this time of Mercy.
Each day we pass this place,
draw us more deeply into your mercy
and the wonders of your love for us.

You are the door to the kingdom of God,
the sheep gate to life eternal,
O, portal of eternal peace, our new and living way,
loose our sins and open for us the door to salvation.

Lead us home through you, to you, and with you,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the prayer, the Leader sprinkles the door with holy water.

After this, all pray the Lord's Prayer.

The Leader then makes the sign of the cross saying:

Leader: May almighty God bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All respond: Amen