

BLESSING OF A SCHOOL

On entering the school the priest sprinkles the rooms with holy water, saying:

P: God's peace be in this school.

All: And in all who assemble here.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: May He also be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who bade your apostles to pray that peace might come on any house they entered, we entreat you to bless ✠ by our ministry this building destined for the education of the young. Bestow your peace and blessing ✠ on it in full measure, so that its teachers and pupils may experience your saving grace, as did Zaccheus when you came into his home. Bid your angels to keep guard here and to drive away all power of the enemy. Inspire the teachers with knowledge, wisdom, and holy fear. Foster their pupils with grace from on high, so that they may grasp, retain, and put into practice the lessons they are taught. May teachers and pupils alike so please you by a truly virtuous life that they may finally deserve to be received into your everlasting home in heaven; through you, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our God, who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.