

Irish House Blessing

May the grace of God's protection and His great love abide within your home,
within the hearts of all who dwell inside.

“Bless this house, O' Lord we pray, make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls, so firm and stout keep want and trouble out:
Bless the roof and chimney tall, let thy peace lie over all.
Bless the door that it may prove ever open to joy and love.
Bless these windows, shining bright, letting in God's heavenly light;
Bless the folk who dwell within, keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us that one day we may dwell, O Lord with Thee.”

– Irish house blessing

My Irish Grandmother Grace, loved to go to House Blessings.

Today we often call them a house warming.

She would say that 3 things, a trinity must be given to bless the new home.

“Bread, so the house will never know hunger.

Salt so that life will always have flavor.

And wine so there will always be joy.”

Grandmother Grace loved the Blessings that were easy to remember.

Some of them she would sew with colorful threads on potato sacks or cloth
when available.

The fine even stiches that she would sew, could become a gift for the house
blessing.

In This Irish Home

May these walls be filled with laughter,

may it reach from floor to rafter.

May the roof keep out the rain,

may sunshine warm each windowpane.

And may the door be open wide

to let the Good Lord's love inside.

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours

St. Brigid's Blessing for a home

May Brigid bless the house where you dwell,
every fireside door and every wall;

every heart that beats beneath its roof,

every hand that toils to bring it joy,

every foot that walks its portals through.

may Brigid bless the house that shelters you.