

**PRAYER OF BLESSING
BEFORE BEGINNING A PILGRIMAGE**

Let us pray:

With hands outstretched, the celebrant says the prayer of blessing:

**All powerful God,
you always show mercy to those who love you
and you are never far away for those who seek you.
Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage
and guide their way in accord with your will.
Shelter them with your protection by day,
give them the light of your grace by night,
and, as their companion on the journey,
bring them to Jerusalem in safety.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
*Amen.***

The celebrant sprinkles the people with holy water.

**May the Lord guide us and direct our journey in safety.
*Amen.***

**May the Lord be our companion along the way.
*Amen.***

**May the Lord grant that the journey
we begin, relying on him,
will end happily through his protection.
*Amen.***

**PRAYER OF BLESSING
AT THE END OF A PILGRIMAGE**

Let us pray:

With hands outstretched, the celebrant says:

**Blessed are you, O God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
From all the races of the earth
you have chosen a people dedicated to you,
eager to do what is right.
Your grace has moved the hearts of these, your friends,
to love you more deeply and to serve you more generously.
We ask you to bless them,
so that they may tell of your wonderful deeds
and give proof of them in their lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The celebrant sprinkles them with holy water.

**May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who so graciously has accompanied you on this pilgrimage,
continue to keep you under his protection.
*Amen.***

**May God, who gathered all his scattered children in Christ Jesus,
grant that you will be of one heart
and one mind in Christ.
*Amen.***

**May God, whose goodness inspires in you
all that you desire and achieve,
strengthen your devotion by his blessing
now and forever.
*Amen.***