



Blessing of the ill
Engelstalige ziekenzegening

Ziekenzegening

Peace be with you all now we're gathered around
May we all feel God's presence.
We want to stand still by the life and the illness of ...
We want to pray together, hold our hands over and bless him/her.
We hope you realise that we do this with all those who care for you.

God, abide with us.

+ In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Bij een stervende eventueel te vervangen door volgende tekst:

Life and death are close right now.
Our worries and care seem to reach a limit and we feel that we'll have to let go.
We feel that we'll have to say goodbye to ...
God, Your care for people is endless ! Please take over the care for ...

Reach out and lead her/him to the other side where life will last eternally and prepare ... a warm home.

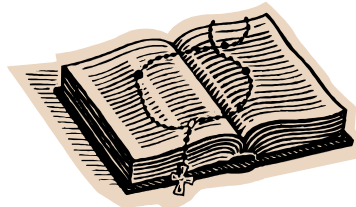
God,
We believe that you are near. You recognize us and You know what's on our mind now : we're at the same time worried and hoping for healing. We're sad and hopeful.
We trust you God.
Come nearer to us in the words that will be spoken. Hold us, God, and let us be in Your love.
Amen

Vergevingsmoment :

We always try for the best, God, but every now and then we make mistakes. Let us look into our own heart... if there are things that need to be forgiven by or maybe ... wants to ask forgiveness for things that turned out wrong in his/her life.
We can reflect about this in silence but those who want to speak out loud can do so as well.

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God, You are greater than our heart.
Forgive us when we failed in love towards each other.



Bijbeltekst :

Psalm 121

I will lift my eyes unto the hills, where does my help come from ?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not send you an unbearable burden, he won't slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is the shade upon your right hand.

The sun will not leave you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; he shall preserve your soul.
The Lord shall preserve you in life and death and until eternity.

Of

Deuteronomium 30,10-14

God is not beyond your power.
He is neither far nor out of reach.
He doesn't live in the skies.
Nobody has to touch the sky to reach him.
He is not extremely far. Nobody has to travel far to be with Him.
God's word is close to you; in your mouth and in your heart.
That's why you may know whom you'll be : healed and hallowed.



Handoplegging

People who may feel hands are very lucky people.
A hand that touches with respect, a hand that comforts with the heart.
Nobody can do without that hand which is tender, which heals, which protects and encourages.

How often do we reach out and touch each other's hands or are we holding hands ?

Jesus did the same. When he met people, especially people that were ill, He touched them, laid His hands upon them as a sign of His protection.

"I'm with you, I'm holding you, I'm putting My hand upon your life" He promised.

We may repeat this gesture today.

I may hold my hands upon your head in the name of God today as a sign of this promise. In this gesture we want to show you that we'll keep on caring for you and supporting you. God wants to be present in this gesture.



Zegening

To bless someone means : wishing this person the best in God's name.
To bless means : may God be with you all the way, may His name "I'll be there for you" become reality here and now.
That's how this blessing can be a sign of encouragement and strength.
We're gathered here next to you, ..., when we give you God's blessing we make a simple gesture. We make the sign of the holy cross on your forehead.

God, be near to ... and have mercy on him/her.
You who are mild and soft, saving and healing, bless ... +in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
May this blessing give you strength and courage.

Besprenkeling met water :

Water, source of life, symbol of freedom, sign of birth and new life. As ... was baptised with water as a sign of the living God, we bless ... with the same water so that he/she may come home in the everlasting Light of Your love.

I bless you ...as a sign of hope that God revives us in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Onze Vader : Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Wees gegroet

Hail Mary,

full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Slotgebed :

God, who are near, You have put your hand upon the life of ...
We trust in you.

Please be with us in time of fear and pain.

Stay with us through people who are mild and compassionate and in
people who care for us.

Stay with us,
we believe that we are safe in Your hands.

Amen

May God bless you and hold you + in the name of the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit.

Bij overlijden :

+ In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

In silence we are here to say goodbye, dreaming of what has been.

We hope that this life has found its completion and we believe that this is
not the end.

In silence we come together to pray and to ask God to be near.

God, we ask your blessing for ...

What life brought him/her nobody will ever forget.

Make us grateful for all the good things we lived together, the respect for
what was realised and forgiveness for what went wrong.

And we pray that we'll see each other again.

We cherish memories and we softly say goodbye and may God bless you
and keep you forever.

Life is fragile and man is fragile.

He who is ill feels life as fragile and painful.

Jesus showed us how to cope with this. He laid his hands upon people and
he blessed them.

Pain and suffering became bearable where He gave his power and life was
worth living again.

Our Father, Hail Mary (eventueel)

Of :

+ In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

In silence we're here to say goodbye. Memories come to us. We hope that this life found its completion and we believe that this is not the end.

In silence we're here to say thank you for all the good that we have experienced together and to say sorry for what went wrong and has never been outspoken.

In silence we come here to pray and to ask God to be near.

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

God, we are gathered here to pray for ...and for ourselves.

We're devastated because ...who was so dear, has died.

We can't go back. Letting go hurts and it is difficult to find the courage to go on.

We thank you for all the love ...gave us and for all the years we could share.

We pray that nothing of his/her life gets lost and that all he/she meant to us and other people, keeps on living. May all the good he/she has done, keep on living amongst us, even now he/she died.

We pray that ...may find his/her place next to you and will keep on watching us. And we ask you to send us people who stay near.

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Bij een plots overlijden

God, our Father,

We're close to ...

We're overwhelmed and very sad.

We can't find the right words and can only think in questions : why ? why so sudden ?

You, who are called : God of life, please be near us right now.

Give us the strength to let go. We really wanted to have ... much longer with us.

Please help us, we don't know how to go on.

Strengthen our trust that we'll meet again past words, past time.

In this trust we pray to you whom – even in this dark hour – we call Our Father.

Our Father, Hail Mary