

The POWER of *God's Blessing*

*Blessed
Born Blessed
Original Blessing*

_____, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

~from the Service of Holy Baptism

And Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid hands on them and blessed them.
Mark: 10-16

So God created humankind in his image,
male and female He created them.

Genesis 1: 27-28

God Blessed them!



Use these blessings to bless others.

The 5 Key Elements of the Biblical Blessing are:

1. Laying on of hands or sacred touch
2. A spoken message of love and affirmation
3. Attaching 'high value' to the one being blessed
4. Picturing a 'special future' for the one being blessed
5. An active commitment to fulfill the blessing – to see the blessing come to pass.

No matter what our age, God's approval, acceptance, assurance and affirmation affects the way we view ourselves – and how we act with one another.

The Blessing ... the Bible calls it a gift of God's unconditional acceptance, assurance, affirmation and approval – for us in our lives.

Blessings in the Bible

Parents: The following are seven blessings from the Bible. Use one each morning and each night this week.
Church School Teachers: Use one at the beginning of a Church School Class and at the end.

Numbers 6:24-26

- ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Genesis 12:2

- ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Psalms 121:7-8

- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Psalms 67

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

2 Corinthians 13:13

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 John 1:3

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.