

Parts Blessing

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At the end of a celebration or program involving a mixed group it seems appropriate to conclude with a blessing. It is important to point out, however, that a blessing is **not** a prayer that makes something or someone holy. In fact, a blessing is a prayer of thanksgiving because the item or individual **already is** holy. The Creator made them that way.

With that brief introduction, the staff lines up in front of the audience and invites them to participate in the blessing in a follow-the-leader-fashion.

Themes: Blessing, Creation, Holy, Prayer

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Leader: "Just follow me in word and action for this final blessing."

Hands in the air and appropriate gestures to follow. . . .

Oh Lord,
Look at these hands.
Ain't they wonderful?
They can point.
They can wave hello.
They can welcome.
They can hug too.
They're so handy!
Help us, Lord,
Make sure
These hands
Are always ready
To be there for others.
Amen.

Foot in the air. . .

Hey Lord!
Look at these feets.
They are dancin' feet.
They get us
Where we need to go!
Help them, Lord
Get us there safely.
Amen.

Hands on either side of the face. . . .

Oh my, Lord,
Look at these faces
Made in your image.
(Pause briefly)
My, are you good lookin'!!
And you know what else?
You got a great sense of humor.
Help us always
To see your face
In all the faces we see.
Amen.

Grab ears and extend them. . . .

Hey Lord,
Get a load of these.
One on each side.
Please speak directly

Into the hole.
It's connected to our heart.
Let those of us who have ears to hear. . .
Listen!
Amen.

Hand flapping between heart and hand hovering over the heart. .

Hey, Lord!
Bless these hearts.
And keep them going.
May there always be room there
For those who need it.
Lots of room.
Always.
Amen.

Hands out to either side. . .

Well Lord,
Here is it
The whole thing
From top (hand on head)
To bottom (on the "backside")
We (arms out)
Think (point to head with one hand)
You (point up with other hand)
Do (head hand out)
Nice ("okay" sign with opposite hand)
Work!!(yank with other hand)
Thanks
For keeping us together.

Bless us all
In the name of the Creator (point up, arm fully extended)
The Redeemer (arms out to either side)
And the Sanctifier (hands tucked under arms and elbows flapping)
A-a-a-a-a-men.