

Sample Christian Preamble

In the name of the Triune God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

First, I want my loved ones to know that I place full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who promised: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

Second, knowing that the wages of sin is death, I believe that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, suffered and died for the forgiveness of all my sins, which I neither deserve nor merit, but I receive it as a free gift of God, Who is rich in grace and mercy.

Third, I leave to all of my loved ones the words of our Savior, found in John 3:16; "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." I leave those who survive me the comfort of knowing that I have died in this faith and now have joined my Lord in eternal glory.

Fourth, I praise God for giving me a loving, caring, Christian helpmate in my wife/husband. She/He has been a blessing to me, and a wonderful mother/father to our children. Knowing that we both share our faith in Jesus as our Savior, we will praise the Lord forever in Heaven.

Fifth, I pray that the Lord would guard and protect my children. You are very special to me and I thank the Lord for you. Through your baptism you have been received into God's family and I urge you to remain faithful to Christ until you are called home to be with the Lord. I love you and I look forward to eternity with you in heaven.

Sixth, I pray that the Lord would shower His blessings upon my grandchildren. May the Holy Spirit guide you along the narrow path of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. I urge you to respect your parents and honor them as your parents have honored me.

Seventh, I recognize that all of my earthly possessions are a gift from God. Therefore, I have made provisions in my will to continue my Christian stewardship after I have gone to Heaven to be with the Lord. I trust that what I offer as a gift, will be blessed many times over by the Lord in building His Kingdom.

Eighth, my heirs will receive, through me, gifts from God. May you always remember that everything you have is a trust from God. Be good and wise stewards of His blessings, managing wisely and returning to Him a generous portion for the work in His Kingdom.

Sample Family Blessing

Our Blessing to Our Children

Our blessing to you, our children, is that you always recall how forgiving the Lord is. Whatever comes your way, live daily in the assurance and renewal of forgiveness; practice this with each other and never stop forgiving. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth and He will sustain you as you grow old. Remember also that the Lord longs for a relationship with you. Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven; He knows your thoughts and understands your wants. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Go to God as you used to come to us as your earthly parents; your Heavenly Father will provide all your needs according to His will for you.

Please know that your parents lived imperfectly in the sufficiency of grace. It is God's goodness that covered our imperfections. We know that as we meet Him face to face, his judgment is mercy and joy. When the seed of our bodies die and fall to the ground, the mystery that God planted in us sprouts in the new birth in eternity that He created. We bless you to live in a personal relationship with Christ daily. As you walk through the days to come, think about and talk with God as He gives you time as daily manna. Then you will be very near us.

Be joyful as you live and walk humbly with God – embracing others with the love of Christ. We bless you with a special blessing in the [unique qualities and vulnerabilities] that God gave to you. Live out your vocations of [reference vocations] as if unto the Lord. Nourish and protect your family as a sign of God's faithfulness and favor. Know that the turmoil and struggles you encounter serve to strengthen you and make you more fit for service.

Always be confident in sharing your faith; acknowledge your Lord Jesus before others. Use your faith to teach the Lord's law and the way of salvation to your children's children's children. Make this a top priority for your life.

We love you forever.

In the year of our Lord - _____ ,

Mom and Dad

Linda Gage and **Carol von Soosten**, your LWML Gift Planning Counselors, can assist you with sharing your faith, blessing your family, and impacting ministry including establishing a Christian preamble and family blessing in your will or trust. It is a lasting opportunity to proclaim your love of the Lord to family and friends.

Contact them today. **800-741-4138** or
www.lwmlgiftplan.org



Lutheran Women
in Mission

