

Sword Ceremony Blessings

Here are some sample blessings. Please feel free to write your own from scratch. The examples below are to give ideas. A blessing can have five distinct elements to build up your sons and daughters and help them understand their worth in your family and before God. Please keep your blessing to 1000 Characters OR LESS to be able to fit on the label and Bible.

Those elements are:

- Appropriate and meaningful touch (*you can place your hands on their shoulders or head during the reading of the blessing*)
- Words of love and acceptance
- Value placed on the child
- Acknowledgement of a special future
- Genuine commitment

Example 1:

May you bless the LORD all the days of your life.
With all that is within you, may you bless His holy name.
May you never forget the benefits of Him who
forgives your sins, heals your diseases
and redeems your life from destruction.
May the LORD satisfy your years with good things
and crown your life with loving kindness and
tender mercies forever. Amen! Psalm 103:1-5

Example 2:

This is our blessing for you:
May you be a man who is strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. (Eph.6:10)
May the Lord be your counselor all the days of your life.
Even in the night, may the Lord instruct your heart. (Ps.16)
May your walk be blameless, and your work be righteous,
May the Lord keep your tongue from sin and your relationships pure.
May you be honorable, loving and generous with your money.
May the Lord keep you in His way so that you will not be shaken. (Ps. 15)
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. (Rom 15:13)
May the Lord watch over your life and keep you from all harm. (Ps. 121:5)

May the Lord bless you and make His name live on in you, child's name, and in your children after you. (Gen. 48:16)

Example 3: [edit child's name throughout this blessing]

Father, please do not let love and faithfulness ever leave my son, Daniel; I pray that you Lord, will bind love and faithfulness around his neck and write them on the tablet of his heart. My God, please help Daniel to win favor and a good name in your sight and in the sight of his fellow man.

Lord, I pray that Daniel's relationship with you will teach him to learn to trust you with all of his heart and mind; and, that he will not lean simply on his own understanding. In recognition of your sovereignty, I pray that you will lead Daniel's heart to acknowledge you in all of his ways. As a result, I pray that you will make his path straight.

God, I pray that you will lead Daniel to be humble and not to be wise in his own eyes; to fear you and to shun evil. As a result, Lord, please bring health to his body and nourishment to his bones.

My Lord, I pray that you will help Daniel to recognize that all gifts come from you. Therefore, I pray that you will compel him to honor you with his wealth, with the first fruits of his labor. In faith, I pray that you will allow him to prosper according to your riches and mercy.

Example 4:

This is our blessing to you:

May you be a blessed woman who fears the Lord:

May you find great delight in the Lord's commands.

May your children be mighty in the land. Even to the next generation,

May you and your children be blessed.

May you find your wealth and riches in God.

May you endure righteousness forever.

Even in darkness may the light dawn for you.

May you be a gracious, compassionate and righteous woman.

May you never be shaken.

And may your name, child's name, be remembered by the Lord forever. Amen! Psalm 112