

The Blessing of the Animals

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God for all these gifts so freely bestowed upon us . . . for the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea;

People: We thank you, good Lord.

Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

People: We thank you, good Lord.

Leader: For all creatures that move, breathe and have life;

People: We thank you, good Lord.

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

People: We thank you, good Lord.

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

People: We thank you, good Lord.

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

People: We pray to you, good Lord.

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

People: We pray to you, good Lord.

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

People: To the honor and glory of your name, now and for ever, we pray to you, good Lord.

Pet Blessing:

N (name of animal), may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and N (name of owner) enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you. Amen.

Blessing Prayer (said in unison)

God of manifold blessings, source of all that is good and true and holy: Raise us up to see the world through your eyes, so that with the eyes of our heart enlightened, we may treasure each creature alive with your Spirit and touched by your creative hand. This we ask to your eternal praise. Amen.