

## INTERFAITH BLESSINGS

Blessed are You, Holy Source of Creation,  
Maker of all living creatures.  
On the fifth and sixth days of creation,  
You called forth fish in the sea,  
birds in the air and animals on the land.  
You inspired us to call all animals brothers and sisters,  
and to be responsible stewards for their care.

We ask You to bless these animals  
By the power of Your love, and  
enable them to live fully in praise to Your Name.  
May we always praise You  
for the beauty of your works.  
Blessed are You, Lord our God,  
Source of Creation and Peace!  
Amen.

(This is a multi-faith adaptation of the popular Catholic blessing.)

OR

Loving Creator, we ask You to bless each and every animal that is present with us today. We ask that each companion animal be given a long life, good health and a happy home.

We pray that all humans come to fully understand that these pets and all the animals on this earth have a right to safety, health, kindness and respect. May these animals be respected and appreciated for their unconditional love and friendship that they show us, and may we open our minds and hearts to learn from them.

We pray for all those animals who are without a loving home who are sick, mistreated or who need special care. Every animal deserves a loving caretaker

and every caretaker deserves a loving pet. Also, at this time, bless our cherished pets who have left this world but not our hearts.

Thank you, God, for creating such magnificent creatures to share our lives. They are beautiful and delight our hearts.

Thank you, God, for blessing our little friends today and every day - help us to remember to celebrate their life daily with loving thoughts and acts of kindness. Thank you for the gift of love. Amen.

Reading or poem

Reflection

Personal Pet Blessing , going to each individually

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Pet's name

We love you.

We bless you.

We appreciate you and

We behold the loving Spirit

Within you.

May you be blessed with

A life filled with love, good health and a happy home.

We acknowledge your presence

As a blessing in our lives.

Thank you, God, for Your beautiful blessing for

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Pet's name

## Prayers of Intercession

### Source of peace (Loving God)

Give us the strength to carry on day after day after the losses we witness of the rejected, yet loving friends, we pray

Give wisdom to those who show little or no regard for the lives of our beloved animals, we pray

For those we have lost because of over breeding, lack of space, that they may guide us and inspire us, we pray

May those that do not know the pain and suffering they cause, we ask for the ability to educate and we ask for forgiveness on their behalf, we pray

For those that are suffering from lack of physical and emotional needs we ask that you guide them and enable us to relieve their suffering,, we pray

We pray that one day there will be a home for every pet and a pet in every home so this senseless killing ends, we pray

For those intentions that we hold in the quiet of our hearts, we pray

Loving Spirit, hear the prayers we offer on this day and every day for the needs of ourselves and those we love.

### Closing Prayer

“All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.”