

# ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF PILGRIMS ON THEIR DEPARTURE

*Book of Blessings #595ff*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

May God, our strength and salvation, be with you all.  
**And with your spirit.**

## READING OF THE WORD OF GOD 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are away from the Lord.

Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Response: **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

## INTERCESSIONS

Response: **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

## CONCLUDING RITE

May the Lord guide us and direct our journey in safety.  
**Amen.**

May the Lord be our companion along the way.  
**Amen.**

May the Lord grant that the journey we begin, relying on him,  
may end happily through his protection.  
**Amen.**

# ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF PILGRIMS ON THEIR RETURN

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

May God, our hope and our strength,  
fill you with peace and with joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Glory to God now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## READING OF THE WORD OF GOD 1 Chronicles 29:9-18

We stand before you as aliens, we are only your guests.

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 7-8

Response: **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord mighty God!**

## INTERCESSIONS

Response: **Look down from heaven, O Lord, and bless your people.**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

## CONCLUDING RITE

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,  
who so graciously has accompanied you on this pilgrimage,  
continue to keep you under his protection.  
**Amen.**

May God, who gathered all his scattered children in Christ Jesus,  
grant that you will be of one heart and one mind in Christ.  
**Amen.**

May God, whose goodness inspires in you all that you desire and achieve,  
strengthen your devotion by his blessing.  
**Amen.**