



The Blessing of the Trees

The Vicar makes the sign of the cross, and all reply:

Amen.

Let us glorify Christ, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

Amen.

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With these trees, surrounded by the names of those who have lit up our lives help us welcome Christ among us; may their lights guide us to the perfect light.

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon these signs of our faith in the Lord.

Lord, give light to our hearts.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes

Let us pray to the Lord.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

That as we come to this place we will remember those who we miss
this Christmas

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we surround these trees

with the names of those who have lit our lives.

May these lights and our memories

be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in these trees

come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now
and forever.

Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from “O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel”:

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer

our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night

and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel