

**bless**

[ble|s] *v* (blessed [-{ble}st], blest)

1. 1) благословлять; освящать
- 2) благословлять, благодарить  
to bless one's stars - благодарить судьбу  
I bless him for his kindness - я благодарен ему за его доброту
- 3) перекрестить  
to bless oneself - креститься, перекреститься, осенить себя крестным знамением
2. славословить
3. 1) делать счастливым, осчастливливать  
he was blessed with good health - здоровьем его бог не обидел
- 2) считать себя счастливым
4. просить милости у бога  
bless these children - господи, помилуй этих детей
5. предохранять от зла  
heaven bless this house - да хранят небеса этот дом  
◇ bless me /my soul!/, bless my /your/ heart!, bless my heart and soul! - а) господи!, господи, помилуй!; честное слово!; видит бог! (выражает удивление, негодование, испуг); б) ей-богу (выражает радость и т. п.)  
well I'm blest! - не может быть!  
I haven't a penny to bless myself with - у меня нет ни гроша за душой  
God bless you! - а) дай вам бог здоровья!; б) будьте здоровы (при чихании)

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**bless** [bless blesses blessed blessing] *verb*, *exclamation* *BrE* [bles] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE*

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*verb* (blessed, blessed *BrE* [blest] <sup>u</sup> ; *NAmE* [blest] <sup>u</sup> )

1. ~ **sb/sth** to ask God to protect sb/sth  
• They brought the children to Jesus and he blessed them.  
• God bless you!
2. ~ **sth** to make sth holy by saying a prayer over it  
• The priest blessed the bread and wine.
3. ~ **sb/sth** (*formal*) to call God holy; to praise God  
• We bless your holy name, O Lord.
4. ~ **sb/sth** (*old-fashioned, informal*) used to express surprise  
• Bless my soul! Here comes Bill!  
• 'Where's Joe?' 'I'm blessed if I know!' (= I don't know)

**more at** God bless **at** ↑god

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	bless
	BrE /bles/
	NAmE /bles/
he / she /it	blesses
	BrE /blesɪz/
	NAmE /blesɪz/
past simple, past participle	blessed
	BrE /blest/
	NAmE /blest/
-ing form	blessing
	BrE /blesɪŋ/
	NAmE /blesɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Idioms: ↑bless you ▪ bless you/her/him ▪ ↑blessed with somebody

**exclamation** (*BrE*, sometimes humorous)

used to show affection towards sb because of sth they have done

- 'He bought us all a present.' 'Oh, bless!'

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[*Language:* Old English; *Origin:* blētsian, from blod 'blood', because blood was used in religious ceremonies]

1. **bless you!** *spoken*
  - a) what you say when someone ↑sneezes

- b) used to thank someone for doing something for you
2. **bless (him/her etc) spoken** used to show that you are fond of someone, amused by them, or pleased by something they have done:
- " He's always willing to help. Bless him!
  - " 'Jess made this card for me.' 'Bless!'
3. **be blessed with something** to have a special ability, good quality etc:
- " We're both blessed with good health.
4. if God blesses someone or something, he helps and protects them:
- " May God bless you.
5. to ask God to protect someone or something:
- " The couple later had their marriage blessed in their local parish church.
6. to make something holy:
- " Then the priest blesses the bread and wine.
7. **bless my soul/I'll be blessed!** *old-fashioned spoken* used to express surprise

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