

# blessing

[ˈblesɪŋ] *n*

1. благословение
2. благо, благодеяние
3. 1) блаженство, счастье
- 2) счастливый дар
4. молитва (*до и после еды*)
5. *шутл.* ругань, брань

he got quite a blessing from his superior - ему здорово влетело от начальника

◇ unappropriated blessing - *шутл.* незамужняя женщина

a blessing in disguise - неприятность неожиданно обернувшаяся благом; ≅ не было бы счастья, да несчастье помогло

count your blessings - считай себя счастливым; считай, что тебе во многом повезло

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**bles·sing** [blesing blesings] *BrE* [ˈblesɪŋ] \* *NAmE* [ˈblesɪŋ] \* **noun**

1. **usually singular** God's help and protection, or a prayer asking for this

- to pray for God's blessing
- The bishop said the blessing.

2. **usually singular** approval of or permission for sth

- The government **gave its blessing** to the new plans.
- He went **with** his parents' **blessing**.

3. something that is good or helpful

- Lack of traffic is one of the blessings of country life.
- **It's a blessing** that nobody was in the house at the time.

**see also** ↑mixed blessing

**more at** count your blessings **at** ↑count *v.*

| idiom ↑blessing in disguise

### Collocations:

#### Religion

##### *Being religious*

**believe in** God/Christ/Allah/free will/predestination/heaven and hell/an afterlife/reincarnation

**be/become** a believer/an atheist/an agnostic/a Christian/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist, etc.

**convert to/practise/ (especially US) practice** a religion/Buddhism/Catholicism/Christianity/Islam/Judaism, etc.

**go to church/ (NAmE) temple** (= the synagogue)

**go to** the local church/mosque/synagogue/gurdwara

**belong to** a church/a religious community

**join/enter** the church/a convent/a monastery/a religious sect/the clergy/the priesthood

**praise/worship/obey/serve/glorify** God

##### *Celebrations and ritual*

**attend/hold/conduct/lead** a service

**perform** a ceremony/a rite/a ritual/a baptism/the Hajj/a mitzvah

**carry out/perform** a sacred/burial/funeral/fertility/purification rite

**go on/make** a pilgrimage

**celebrate** Christmas/Easter/Eid/Ramadan/Hanukkah/Passover/Diwali

**observe/break** the Sabbath/a fast/Ramadan

**deliver/preach/hear** a sermon

**lead/address** the congregation

**say/recite** a prayer/blessing

##### *Religious texts and ideas*

**preach/proclaim/spread** the word of God/the Gospel/the message of Islam

**study/follow** the dharma/the teachings of Buddha

**read/study/understand/interpret** scripture/the Bible/the Koran/the gospel/the Torah

**be based on/derive from** divine revelation

**commit/consider sth** heresy/sacrilege

##### *Religious belief and experience*

**seek/find/gain** enlightenment/wisdom

**strengthen/lose** your faith

**keep/practise/practice/abandon** the faith

**save/purify/lose** your soul

**obey/follow/keep/break/violate** a commandment/Islam/taw/Jewish law

**be/accept/do** God's will

**receive/experience** divine grace

**achieve/attain** enlightenment/salvation/nirvana

**undergo** a conversion/rebirth/reincarnation

**hear/answer** a prayer

**commit/confess/forgive** a sin

**do/perform** penance

### Example Bank:

- He went off to Latin America with his mother's blessing.
- She received the full blessing of her employers.
- The blessing was said in Hebrew.
- The government has given its official blessing to the project.
- They asked God's blessing on their pastoral work.
- Being famous can be a mixed blessing.
- Her looks turned out to be more of a curse than a blessing.
- I t's a blessing that no one was in the house when the fire started.
- Not getting that job proved to be a blessing in disguise.
- The Board gave its blessing to the plan.
- The budget was pushed through by the government without the blessing of the opposition.
- The document received official blessing.
- This arrangement received the full blessing of the committee.
- You should stop complaining and count your blessings.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**blessing** /'blesɪŋ/ BrE " AmE " noun

1. [countable] something that you have or something that happens which is good because it improves your life, helps you in some way, or makes you happy:

The dishwasher has been a real blessing!

it is a blessing (that)

I t's a blessing no one was badly hurt.

2. [uncountable] someone's approval or encouragement for a plan, activity, idea etc

with sb's blessing

They were determined to marry, with or without their parents' blessing.

The Defense Department has given its blessing to the scheme.

3. a mixed blessing a situation that has both good and bad parts:

Having children so early in their marriage was a mixed blessing.

4. a blessing in disguise something that seems to be bad or unlucky at first, but which you later realize is good or lucky

5. count your blessings used to tell someone to remember how lucky they are, especially when they are complaining about something

6. [uncountable and countable] protection and help from God, or words spoken to ask for this:

The priest gave the blessing.

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