

Blessing of the Pilgrims

After the post communion prayer, the pilgrims - who are about to begin travelling the Way to the shrine of St James at Santiago de Compostella in Spain - are invited by Bishop Jonathan to come forward.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord almighty bless you going out and your coming in
from this time forward and forever more.

God of our journey
who led your pilgrim people by day and by night
and saw them to their journey's end:
send your blessing on these your servants
as they travel the pilgrim road
in honour of your Son
and of his companion St James.
Make them sure footed,
joyful in heart
courageous and humble
and a blessing in themselves
to those they will meet on the way;
through Jesus Christ
who always went ahead of his disciples
and leads us now.

Amen.

God our creator, bless you.
God our redeemer, bless you.
God our strengthener, bless you.
God the Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you and remain with you today and always.

Amen.

Our Lady
pray for us.
St James
pray for us.
All the people of God
pray for us.