

Program for Peace Starts With Me April 6, 2019 Holy Blessing - Crescentia DeGoede - April 6, 2010

Program Component	Emcee Script	Notes
Welcome	<p>Good morning church! God wants to pour out blessings today. Are you ready to receive them? (Yes)</p> <p>Awesome! Before we begin the Blessing Ceremony. Let's turn our attention to the video screen for a few minutes.</p>	
Blessing Intro Video		Blessing Intro Video Plays
Scarves	<p>Now it's your turn to receive the Blessing. To bring us into one accord, please reach into your bags and pull out the white Blessing scarf inside and place it around your shoulders. And, if you're here with your spouse make sure you're seated next to each other.</p>	Everyone places the scarf around their neck.
Entrance of Attending Couples and Officiators	<p>To officiate this Blessing today, please rise and welcome up to the stage (titles and names of officiators).</p>	8-12 Attending Couples enter on to the stage, followed by the officiators and two attendants.
Holy Wine Dedication	<p>Thank you. Now I would like to call the representative couples to please come forward. (pause) Following the lead of the representative couples, we will all take part in the Holy Wine Dedication. Brothers and sisters let's open up our hearts and welcome in the Holy Spirit to do something awesome in our families today. In drinking this Holy Wine we are cleansing ourselves of past mistakes, and making a fresh, new covenant with God to love and cherish each other as God does. To take part in the dedication, please take the Holy Wine cup out of your bag and open the top. For couples, wives please drink half of one cup and with a bow pass it to your husband to drink the other half. Then bow to each other. Everyone else please drink the whole cup.</p>	<p>Representative Couples rise from their seats and come before the Officiators.</p> <p>As soon as the Representative Couples are in place, the wife of each representative couple receives their holy wine cup from the Officiator husband, who receives it from his wife, who receives it from the attendant. Each Representative Couple wife than drinks half and passes it to her husband, who drinks the other half. The attendants collect the emptied cups.</p>

Anointing	Please remain standing as the Officiators ask for God's anointing on all of us.	Officiators sprinkle holy water on the representative couples.
Affirmation of Vows	Thank you officiators for that anointing. God called Father and Mother Moon to stand as True Parents by expanding the grace of Jesus from the individual to the couple. Now, God is calling all faith leaders and all parents to stand as true parents to their families, communities and nations, in order to bring peace to the world. All couples and parents will now have the opportunity to rededicate your marriages and families through an affirmation of vows. Please respond with a firm "Yes" to the vow read by the Officiators.	Attendant gives folder to Officiators. Officiators read the vow, and wait for the response from the congregation. Attendant takes the folder back from the Officiators once the vow has been read.
Blessing Prayer	Halleluiah! The Officiators will now complete the Blessing Ceremony with a Prayer of Blessing. Couples please take each other's hands for the prayer.	Officiators offer a short prayer. Each spouse of the couple may pray or just the husband.
Proclamation of the Blessing	The Officiators will now read the Proclamation of the Blessing.	Attendant hands officiators the folder, and officiators read the Proclamation with hands extended.
Recession of Officiators	Congratulations!! You may now kiss your spouse. Let's thank our officiators for sharing this blessing with us today, representing Father and Mother Moon, as they take their leave of the stage.	Officiators leave the stage preceded by the attending couples.
Closing Remarks	Finally, let's thank the Almighty God, who brought us here, and bestowed this Blessing on us today. (Applause) Thank you for joining Blessing America!	