

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you for the vastness of the earth and all there is to find and experience on journeys and pilgrimages

We thank you that generations before us have preserved sacred places that help us remember our story of faith in Christ

Throughout our friends journey together open their eyes to the beauty and the pathos they may encounter, so that they may discover more of the wisdom and love of the One who goes before us all and walks with us all

As they follow in your steps and the steps of your followers, we ask for them the grace to keep their eyes on you. Open their hearts that they may find you in new ways not only in ancient stones, but in your people and in each other.

If some things do not happen as they are scheduled, Lord, may they remember that they are pilgrims not tourists

If Any should get tired and inclined to become short-tempered, Lord, may They remember that that they are pilgrims not tourists

If any delays should occur and they should become anxious, Lord, may They remember that They are pilgrims not tourists!

Lord, may their pilgrimage together be an opportunity to give thanks, to redefine their vision, to search, and to find You in new ways

Bless their time together, keep them safe from all harm
And refresh them in body and spirit.
Be with them and guide them safely home by your loving hand.

So.....

May the peace and blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you as we send you out

May He guide you through the wilderness of airports and unfamiliar streets, protect you through the storms of border security posts and group hostel checkouts

And above all.....

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.