**Personal Testimony:** Years ago, I purchased some matching candlesticks that had a face of the moon on one and the sun on the other. I thought they were exotic and unique pieces and would be perfect for our dining room table. At the time of the purchase, I was just a person who went to church on Sundays but really wasn’t living a Christian lifestyle. Soon after, I began to become serious about developing a relationship with God and started praying and reading my bible. One day as I walked past the dining room, the candlesticks started to rock. I checked the table and it was not moving. Yes, the candlesticks were moving on their own. But when I tried to show this to my husband, the candlesticks stopped moving. I hate to confess this but I still didn’t throw them away at the time. I can’t remember if I thought I had paid too much to just throw them away. I may have been influenced by the spirit in the object to be passive but this was definitely not the right thing to do. Whenever I was by myself, the candlesticks would continue to rock when I walked by them. Well soon after, my husband started getting more serious about his own relationship with God. And you guessed it, one day the candlesticks started rocking when he walked by. After he saw this, we both knew they had to go. We knew enough not to pick them up ourselves, so we got a long stick and put them in a trash bag and immediately put them in the trash. At the time, I wasn’t in a church that taught about the blood or spiritual household cleansing so we basically followed the leading of the Holy Spirit. After this encounter my desire for exotic items left. As I look back, I can remember being attacked by spirits sometimes as I slept. Once the candlesticks were gone, these types of attacks ceased.

There are 2 parts to the house cleansing process:

1. Removing cursed items and objects
2. Praying through your home

Before you begin either process do the following:

a. Put on the full armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10-18)
b. Plead the blood of Jesus over yourself and your family members.
c. Ask God for angelic assistance.
d. You can also play worship music quietly as you pray through your home.

**Remove Cursed Items and Objects:**

Evil spirits can occupy a place or an object. The practice of spiritual cleansing of a place can be seen in 2 Chronicles 29:15. In Deuteronomy 7:25-26, God calls certain objects defiled and says that they can bring a curse on you if they are brought into your home. Sometimes we unintentionally bring objects into our homes because someone may give them to us as a gift or we may even inherit them. Ask God to show you any objects or gifts that you currently own that should be removed. This could include books,
artwork, sculptures, pornography, jewelry, posters, clothing, shoes or music. Some Christians wear ankhs because they look similar to a cross but it is actually an Egyptian Fertility symbol.

As you begin to walk through your house, ask the Holy Spirit to show you anything that needs to be removed and trust Him to show it to you. If your spouse disagrees, just ask them if it is ok for you to remove it from the living space and put it into storage or a non-living space, out in the garage or storage shed. Yes, we would like to ultimately get rid of it but, if there is a disagreement about it, plead the blood of Jesus over it and command whatever is attached to it remain bound to the item and forbid it from manifesting or transferring to anyone or anything. If your spouse or relative who is not a child insists that it remain in the house, then follow the previous procedures and trust God to protect you and your family. Do not draw attention to the item or fear it. We are not trying to create fear or bring division. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you or your spouse where this item appropriately belongs. He will show you if you are overreacting or bring your spouse into the knowledge of the truth.

Before you touch the object, bind whatever is on it to the object in the name of Jesus and command it to stay bound to the object and not transfer to anything or anyone. Pick up the object using an item such as a stick and place it in a garbage bag and remove it from the house. Dispose of it in the trash making sure that it is contained in the garbage bag. Never give these items to anyone else. They should be discarded.

After you have discarded the items, pray the following prayer:

Father, forgive me for bringing these items into my home. I am asking you to destroy every demonic assignment or curse that may have been a result of these items being in my home.

**Praying Through Your Home:**

Anytime you move into a new place, whether it be a room, apartment, or a house, you need to pray through that space once you have been granted legal authority to rent the use of it or have signed a contract to purchase the property. Legal authority is very important. Use your natural rights to reinforce your spiritual rights. The prayer below includes references to this and the wording specifies your rights based upon your particular circumstance. For instance, as an owner you can cancel the rights of the previous owners because the property is under new management but if you are renting a property you can only enforce your rights over the area that has been leased to you. Even when you travel, you should claim your legal contracted rights for the use of your hotel room to command any demonic entities to leave your room for the duration of your stay. You have no idea what the previous occupants did in that room so this is a good practice to incorporate when you travel.

Please note whenever you have visitors, repairmen, or entertain people in your home, it is a good practice to pray through your home soon after the visitors leave. You don’t have to go to the level of detail presented here in all of these instances because you have a visitor. Just note that visitors can leave spirits behind knowingly or unknowingly and you must pray through your home to cast these spirits out.
In addition, some television shows are showcasing the burning of sage as a method of cleansing a home. This is not a Christian method for cleansing your home. The burning of sage, aka saging or smudging is a Native American practice that is starting to gain significant attention in popular culture. It has been my personal experience that Christians who use this method often begin to experience more severe oppression. As a Christian, you have the power of the Holy Spirit, the authority of Christ (Luke 10:17-20), the name of Jesus, the word of God, the blood of Christ, and anointing oil so you don’t need to rely on anything else. Use anointing oil that can be purchased from the Mount bookstore. The Mount Intercessors make the anointing oil and it is prayed over by our Bishop and Elder.

The Spiritual House Cleansing prayer should be used to pray through your home and should be adapted accordingly at the leading of the Holy Spirit:

**Spiritual House Cleansing Prayer**

Father God, in the name of Jesus, I consecrate my home (apartment) to you. As ownership has been transferred to me in the natural through the signing of a contract or rental agreement, legal authority is also transferred to me in the spiritual realm. I decree and declare that the activities of previous occupants and previous owners (if purchased) or current owners (if leasing) of this property are overridden by this legal transaction. Any previous activities and commitments to the powers of darkness made by them in reference to this property or land are forbidden from manifesting or transferring to me, my family, or guests (if you are leasing) and (if you own the property) canceled and nullified in the name of Jesus. As the legal authority over this property, I declare that this property is now under the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of God and all satanic activities or entities are forbidden from entering this place again. In the name of Jesus, I break all satanic rituals, curses, hexes, or spells against this land and property. Father, please send your warring angels to sweep through this house and property to remove every demonic entity and unclean spirit in the name of Jesus as I stand in my authority and command them to go.

**Directive**: Go into each room and open all closets, doorways, and cabinets. Anoint all windows and doorways in each room with the anointing oil. In each room pray the following prayer:

In the name of Jesus, I take authority over every demonic power and unclean spirit in this room. (Note: Sometimes the Holy Spirit will give you specific names to pray, i.e. spirit of fear, spirit of lust, etc. If this is the case, speak directly to that spirit). I bind you and command you to depart from this property and take everything and everyone associated with you. I cast you into the Abyss and command that you stay there until Jesus returns. I plead the blood of Jesus over every item and area of this room including the ceiling and attic spaces and underneath the floorboards and crawl spaces of this room. Holy Spirit, I ask You to drive out all forces of darkness and fill this room with Your presence, Your peace, and Your protection. I dedicate this property and home as a dwelling place for You, God. Please inhabit my home and watch over me and my family. I thank you for posting gigantic warrior angels around my property to prevent any further entry or return any demonic power or unclean spirit. I decree that this property is now under Your authority and jurisdiction.