

**For A New Home John O'Donohue adapted  
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May Mercy House and O'Callaghan's Haven shelter all.  
May the weight of the world  
Fall from their shoulders  
As they come home here.

May all hearts be tranquil here,  
Blessed by peace the world cannot give.

May this home be a place,  
Where nothing destructive  
Ever crosses the threshold.

May this be a safe place  
Full of understanding and acceptance.

May it be a house of courage,  
Where healing and growth are loved,  
Where dignity and forgiveness prevail;  
A home where patience of spirit is prized,  
And kindness and mercy are never lost  
Though the journey be difficult and slow.

May there be great delight within the sturdy walls of this house.  
May it be a haven of welcome  
For the vulnerable and broken.

May all have the eyes to see  
That no visitor arrives without a gift  
And no guest leaves without a blessing.

May God bless Mercy House and O'Callaghan's Haven.