

## **Blessing for Connie and Dennis Byler**

*(Congregation)*

O my soul, bless YAHWEH

With all my being, bless God's holy name!

O my soul, bless YAHWEH,

don't forget a single blessing!

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Connie and Dennis, you are already blessed,

now don't forget a single blessing!

But we entreat God to bless you even more.

As you enter this season of life we call

"retirement", this is our blessing:

God, don't let these years be too full, frenetic, or  
distracting, but also don't let them be too restful,  
too safe, or too boring.

As you return to Spain to retire, may God be your  
shepherd, to guide, forgive, heal, and satisfy you.

May God give you energy and wisdom to  
continue giving away your lives, nurturing your  
children, your grandchildren, your students and  
friends, and the churches you know and love.

And when the time comes, may you also  
give away your deaths with grace and courage  
and shalom in the arms of God.

Brother and sister, you are blessed; don't forget a  
single blessing!

*(Congregation)*

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don't forget a single blessing!

