

# From Cats to Missiles: What Orthodox Priests Bless in Russia (in Pictures)

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A Russian Orthodox priest blessed the Soyuz rocket at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Wednesday in preparation for a space launch scheduled for Oct. 11.

Over the years, Russian priests have been called to bless everything from tanks and missiles to cats and metro cars.

Here are a few of our favorite pictures.

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