

# Epiphany Home Blessing

The home blessing at Epiphany is a tradition that marks the visit of the Magi to Mary, Joseph, and Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 2:1-12). It's an opportunity to pray for Christ's blessing on all who visit and live in the home.

Your family is invited to mark the lintel above the front door into your home with the following: **20 + C + M + B + 21**.



The 20 and 21 represent the coming year. The 'C', the 'M', and the 'B' have two meanings. The first and primary one is that they are the first letters of a prayer in Latin: *Christus mansionem benedicat* = May Christ bless this home. The second meaning is that they are the first letters of the names of the Magi according to legend: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

May this simple chalk marking be a visible reminder to make our homes places of welcome and warmth. And may it remind us always of Christ who greets and blesses us in all of our comings and goings.

## Prayer of Blessing

God who leads your people  
through the journey of life,  
as you led Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar  
to worship Jesus,  
so lead us to be fearless  
in making Jesus known  
in our homes and in our lives.  
Bless + this chalk  
that those who see the blessing on our homes  
may know that our doorways  
are places of welcome and blessing  
and that you are the God who blesses us every day.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, born of Mary,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever.  
Amen.