



# Epiphany

## Blessing of the Home & Household

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

**+20 C M B 18+**

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.



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**Lord God almighty, bless + this home,  
and under its shelter let there be  
health , chastity, self - conquest, humility,  
goodness, mildness, obedience to your  
commandments, and thanksgiving to God  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May your  
blessing remain always in this home and  
those who live here; through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

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