

# BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY

*Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters C, M and B and the numbers of the year, for example 2026, at the top of their doors. The letters stand for the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means: "May Christ bless this house."*

Leader: Peace be to this house.  
All: And to all who dwell herein.

Antiphon: From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

All: The Magnificat  
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon them that fear Him. He hath shewed might in His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed forever.  
Glory be...

*The rooms of the house are sprinkled with holy water*

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Leader: Let us pray - *Our Father...*  
All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Sheba shall come  
All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.  
All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

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# BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY CONTINUED...

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee— Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in Thy light and kings in the splendor of Thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

*Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this, for ex.:*

**20+C+M+B+26**

*with the “20” being the millennium and century, the “C” standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the “M” standing for Melchior, the “B” standing for Balthasar, and the “26” standing for the decade and year.*

Leader: Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty and Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. We ask Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect our family and this home from every harm and danger, and we place the marks of their holy names over the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need charity and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter's power.

O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom, we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.

*End the celebration with a suitable song, for example, “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “We Three Kings.”*

*This tradition is done at the beginning of each year so that you can invite God into your homes and place your family under his protection.*