

shorter version

## EPIPHANY HOUSEHOLD BLESSING



Christ, bless this home.

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peace be with this house and with those who live  
here.

*The following is written above the door with chalk,  
adding the last two digits of the new year at the  
end :*

**20 + C + M + B + 21**

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your  
only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance  
of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ that our concern  
for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**C M B**

*Christus Mansionem Benedict.*  
May Christ bless this house.

The traditional names of the three kings:  
Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar.



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# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

# CATHOLIC HOUSEHOLD BLESSING



*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

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*For a shorter version of the blessing, please see the back page of the brochure*

**Leader** Peace be to this house.

**All:** And to all who dwell herein.

**All:** 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.



**All Pray:** *During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water*

The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their  
conceit.



He has cast down the mighty from their  
thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he  
has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.



**All:** 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.

**Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation—

**All:** But deliver us from evil.

**Leader:** All shall come

**All:** Bringing gold and frankincense.

**Leader:** O Lord, hear our prayer.

**All:** And let our cry come to you.

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



**All:** Amen.



**Leader:** Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusa-  
lem, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is  
risen upon you—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

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

**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 your law, the thanksgiving to God the Fa-  
ther 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.

*After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room  
of the home is sprinkled with holy water, and the  
initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with  
the blessed chalk, adding the last two digits of the new  
year at the end :*

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Prayer Source: *Twelve Days of Christmas, The* by Elsa Chaney,  
The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1955

