

shorter version

EPIPHANY HOUSEHOLD BLESSING



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 :*

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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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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.

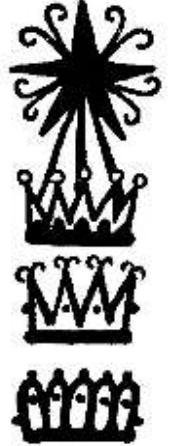
Leader: All shall come

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 Jerusalem,
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 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.

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 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,
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