

Leader (with hands joined): 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 them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

A family member uses the chalk to mark over the front door the initials of the magi and the numerals of the new year with crosses in between.

20 + C + M + B + 23

LEADER: The letters represent the Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The enclosing year represents the timelessness of God. Each cross marks a part of the compass or “all the nations.”

Everyone then processes from one room to another. In each room, sprinkle holy water and invite the family members (children, too) to ask God’s blessing on all that takes place in that room. For example: God bless our sleeping. God bless our studying, eating, playing, etc.

Everyone returns to the place where the blessing began.

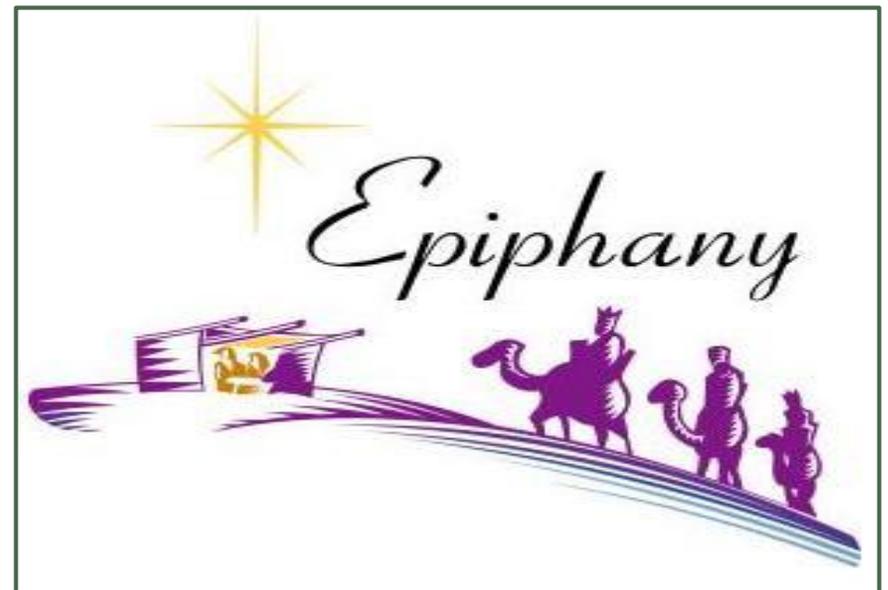
The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “We Three Kings.”

Blessing of the Home & Household on Epiphany



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Epiphany Home Blessing

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. Examples are “Joy to the World,” “We Three Kings” and “O Come, All Ye Faithful.”

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ’s light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9.

Leader: Let us listen to the Word of God.

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

After proclaiming the Gospel, the Reader says, “***The Gospel of the Lord.***”

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Ask someone to hold up the chalk & holy water. The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions, the leader invites all present to say the Lord’s Prayer.