



# Chalking the Door: Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Blessing your house at the feast of the Epiphany  
(the arrival of the 3 Wise Men) is a traditional way of  
inviting Jesus into your home for the year.

## Epiphany Blessing for Your Home

The traditional way to do this blessing is to chalk the lintel of your door (above the entrance).

Write 20 + C + M + B + 19. The letters have 2 meanings:

1. They are the initials of the 2 Wise Men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.
2. They stand of the Latin words – Christus mansionem benedicat, “May Christ bless this house.”

The + signs represent Christ and the 20 and 19 are for the year.

### Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

### Read aloud:

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Put a bit of holy water on the chalk, if you have some.)

### How to Bless your Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door with the inscription: 20 + C + M + B + 19

### Read aloud:

The 3 Wise Men came to Bethlehem in search of the Lord. May the light of the star that once guided wise men to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize Him also, to see Him in the epiphanies of our daily lives, to know Him by faith and to love Him above all else. May the Christ child bless our home and remain with us throughout the year.

Bless all who live or visits here with the gift of your love and grant that we may give your love to each other and all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in love for you. Guide, comfort and strengthen us. Give us peace, Christ Jesus, now and forever. Amen.

