

# Blessing a Home at Epiphany

## Greeting

A reading from Proverbs 24:3-4,  
“May peace be to this house and all who enter here.  
By wisdom a house is built  
and through understanding it is established;  
through knowledge its rooms are filled  
with rare and beautiful treasures.”

## Reading

As we prepare to ask God’s blessing on this household,  
let us listen to the words of Scripture.

In the beginning was the Word,  
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.  
From his fullness we have all received,  
grace upon grace. (*John 1:1-4, 14, 16*)

## Inscription

*This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance:*

**20 + C M B + 18**

*Write the appropriate character in the left column while  
speaking the words to the right:*

The magi of old, known as

<b>C</b>	<b>Caspar,</b>	(CAS-par)
<b>M</b>	<b>Melchior, and</b>	(MEL-key-or)
<b>B</b>	<b>Balthasar</b>	(BALL-tha-zar)

followed the star of God’s Son who came to dwell among us

**20 two thousand**  
**18 and 18 years ago.**

*Retrace C, M, and B with these words:*

<b>C</b>	<b>Christus</b>	(KRIS-tus) = Christ
<b>M</b>	<b>Mansionem</b>	(man-SEE-o-nem) = this house
<b>B</b>	<b>Benedicat</b>	(ben-EH-dih-cat) = bless

**+ Christ, bless this house,**  
**+ and remain with us throughout the new year.**

*If you’d like, go through your house and pray together in each  
room (for peaceful sleep in each bedroom, nourishing food in  
the kitchen, uplifting conversation at the dinner table, care for  
ourselves in the bathroom, healthy entertainment in the living  
room, and so on.)*

## Final Prayer of Blessing

O God,  
you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a  
star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here  
with your gracious presence. Fill us with the light of Christ.  
Help us show hospitality to others and live in ways that show  
your love to the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord, Amen.

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