

The Blessing of Houses at Epiphany

Use a piece of chalk to observe a Feast of Epiphany tradition at your home, by writing the following numbers and words to mark a blessing over the door of your home:

20+C+M+B+21

The 20 & 21 represent the year 2021. One tradition says C/M/B represent the three magi (Casper, also known as Gaspar; Melchior and Balthasar), but probably more accurately, C/M/B stands for the words: **C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat, which is Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

Use this prayer while writing: *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.*