



The Epiphany Blessing of a Home

(all make the sign of the cross)

Priest/Head of Household: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Priest/Head of Household: 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:

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

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.

Priest/Head of Household: Jesus taught us to call God "Our Father," so now we have the courage to pray:

All: Our Father...

Priest/Head of Household: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Priest/Head of Household: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Priest/Head of Household: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest/Head of Household: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Priest/Head of Household: 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 Thy 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Blessing:

The following prayer is said while the lintel is marked:

The three Wise Men,
 C Caspar,
 M Melchior,
 B and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who
 became man
 20 two thousand
 15 and fifteen years ago.
 ++ May Christ bless this home
 ++ and remain with us all throughout the new year.

The marking on the lintel above the door is done in the order of the blessing above: first the "C" then the "M" then the "B"; go back to the beginning and write "20"; go to the end and write "15"; then fill in the crosses (+) last. The marking above the main door of the house (as well as any other doors) should finally look like this:

20 + C + M + B + 15

