

The Epiphany Blessing of a Home

(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 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 forever. 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.

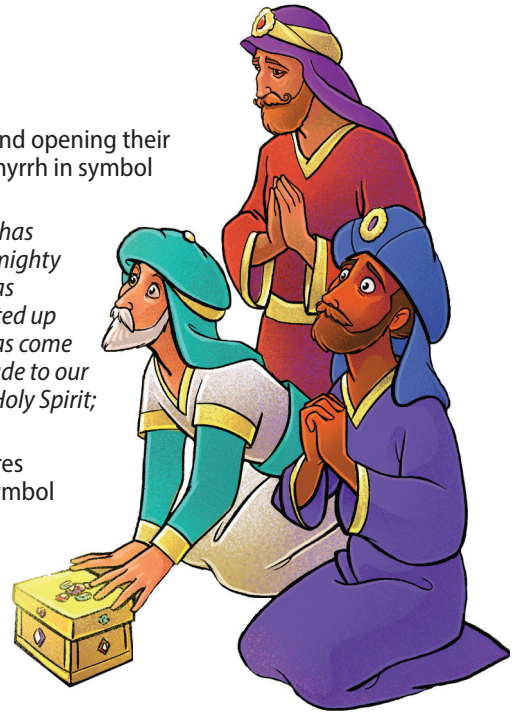
All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

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 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 Three Wise Men

The marking above the main door of the house (as well as any other doors) should finally look like this:

20+C+M+B+25

The following prayer is said while the lintel is marked

1. First write the "C,"
2. As you write say "Caspar,"
3. Next write "M,"
4. As you write say "Melchior,"
5. Then write "B,"
6. Then say "and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son Who became man."
7. Go back to the beginning and write "20,"
8. As you write "20," say, "Two thousand,"
9. Go to the end to write "25."
10. Then say "and twenty-five years ago."
11. Finally add the crosses (+)
12. As you add the crosses say, "May Christ bless this home, and remain with us all throughout the New Year."

Once the prayer has been said, sprinkle the door and the family with Holy Water, making the Sign of the Cross. Process through the house with Holy Water, sprinkling in every room!