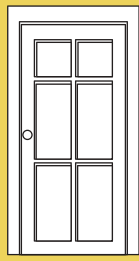


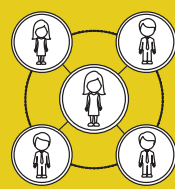
House Blessing

E P I P H A N Y



GATHER

Gather everyone who wants to participate. You can include friends, family and neighbours. Gather in front of the main entrance to your home.



PREPARE

Decide who will read what parts and who will chalk the door. The roles can be shared. Have a stepladder handy if needed. Light the candle. Take a few moments of quiet before beginning.



PRAY

Flip this card over and begin the liturgy. Everyone responds with 'Amen' at the end of each prayer.



CHALK THE DOOR

Write this inscription above the outside of the door:
20 + C + M + B + current year, e.g. 21
The numbers make up the year and the letters represent the names of the Magi--Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar--and the Latin prayer, Christus Mansionem Benedicat--Christ bless this home.



PRAY AGAIN

Everyone says the Lord's Prayer together. Leave the chalk inscription up until next year.

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Leader: Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here.

All: Amen

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. **Amen.**

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One 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 Savior. **Amen.**

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen**

As the participants make the inscription above the door:

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The leader says:

The three Wise Ones followed the star to Bethlehem and the home of Jesus two thousand, and twenty ____ years ago. May Christ bless our home, and remain with us throughout the year. **Amen.**

All:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**