

The Feast of the Epiphany has, for centuries, been a traditional time for Christian families to bless their homes. This tradition likely came about because the Three Wise Men visited the home that the Holy Family had established in Bethlehem.

Using blessed chalk, he will mark the main door of the house with the initials of the Magi, the legendary names of the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and a code of the current year (2021) connected with crosses: 21 ✝ C ✝ M ✝ B ✝ The crosses (✝) represent the protection of the Christ.

V: Peace be to this home. R: And to all who dwell herein.

Hear us. O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect this family and this home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need charity and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter's power. O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom, I ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, Amen.

Living Room: Bring us to live with you one day in Heaven. Bless this room O Lord. Amen.

Kitchen: You prepare for us a rich feast. Bless this room O Lord. Amen.

Dining Room: Feed us at the heavenly banquet. Bless this room O Lord. Amen.

Bedrooms: In you alone are we rest securely. Bless this room O Lord. Amen.

Bathrooms: You cleanse us from every impurity. Bless this room O Lord. Amen.

Back at front door. All pray the Lord's Prayer.

Final prayer: Bless this household through all days to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.