

Epiphany Blessing of Homes 2021

The household gathers at the manger scene or in some other convenient area of the house. Begin with a Christmas Carol; like "We Three Kings of Orient Are" or "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Peace be with this house and with all who live here. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: Now and Forever.

Leader: During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place.

-Scripture is now read.

Leader: Let us listen to a reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

Read from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 2, verses 1-11.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the leader or another member of the family marks the top of the door or door frame with chalk as follows:

AD+20+C+M+B+21

Leader: Lord God, fill this house with love for one another and with respect for guests. Fill us with wisdom to seek Jesus always, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Now all family members, if possible, go to each room. Each room is then sprinkled with a little of the blessed water. When all return to the starting place, they pray together.

Leader: With Jesus our Savior and our Brother we say:

ALL: OUR FATHER...

Leader: Let us pray.

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.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

The blessing ends with another carol like "Silent Night" or "Joy to the World."