



The Chalking of the Door for Families

Leader: At the end of these days of Christmastide, we keep this Feast of Epiphany.
We celebrate Christ made known to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan,
and to the disciples at the wedding in Cana. Today Christ is made known to us!
Today this home is a holy place!

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

Leader: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.


Leader: 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.

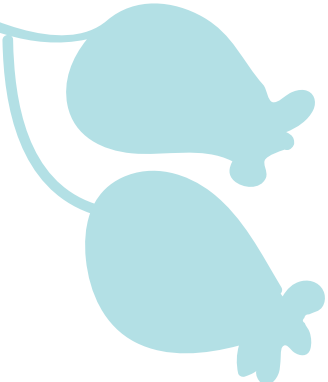
All: And the Gentiles shall walk in Thy light and kings in the splendor of Thy rising,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Take (blessed) chalk (of any color) and mark on the lintel of your front door
(or descending on one side) as you read below saying:

Leader: The Magi (C) (mark the C, etc.), Caspar, (M) Melchior, (B) and Balthasar . . .
Came from the east to Bethlehem to adore the Lord.

“They went into the house, and when they saw the child with His mother Mary,
they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to Him” [Matthew 2:11].





two thousand (20) and sixteen years ago (16).
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May Christ (Christus) our Home (Mansionem)
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Bless (Benedicat),
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And remain with us throughout the new year.
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All: Amen.

Leader: A reading from Proverbs 24:3-4: "Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled
with all precious and pleasant riches."

Leader: A reading from Isaiah 32:16-18 : "Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness remain in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace,
And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.
My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

Leader: 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, and thanksgiving to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
May this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein.
May we never forget Christ is present in the love and care we manifest to each other daily.
May all who come rejoice to find Christ living among us as we seek and serve,
in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Thine incarnate Word, through Christ our Lord.





All: Amen.

Leader: Lord remember your children and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father. . .

People may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their baptism.

Leader: May the Lord + watch over our going out and our coming in,
from this time forth and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Other prayers:

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Christ, God's incarnation, is present in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary daily lives together. 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 thine incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth,
thou hast revealed thine 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 thy love. WE ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

