



# *Epiphany Home Blessing with Chalk*

Catholics marking their homes with chalk for the Epiphany is a tradition that dates back centuries, signifying their homes are homes where Christ lives.

With the blessing of the chalk, we are asking the Lord to bless our home, all inhabitants of our home as well as any guests who may pass through our door throughout the year.

The chalking of the door is a small way that we can proclaim Christ in the world, a sign to all that this home is a home for Christ. It is an outward sign of our Christian faith, and it may provide us with opportunities to speak to others about Christ and His church.

As we go in and out daily, let these symbols be a reminder that we belong to Christ. As the Magi welcomed Jesus, may we strive to be welcoming to all who visit our home.

# Epiphany Home Blessing Prayer

Using the blessed chalk, write on the outside of your home, above or next to the entrance:

**20 + C + M + B + 25**

**20** and **25** for the year,  
+ represents the cross,

**C, M, B** for the magi (Casper, Melchior and Balthasar)  
and also for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*  
(Latin for "May Christ Bless this House")

You are encouraged to invite everyone in your household to participate in writing the year and letters.

With this prayer let us invite Jesus to be a guest in our home, a listener to each conversation, a guide in troubled times and a blessing in times of thanksgiving.

## Pray together:

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 concerns for others may reflect your love.

May all who come to our home this year  
rejoice to find Christ living among us.

May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet,  
that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word.

May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart,  
gentleness, and abiding in your will.

We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**