

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

This blessing should be done when all family members can be gathered together. It is advised, but not required, to bless all rooms of the house with Holy Water.



Needed will be Blessed Chalk and Holy Water, available at the Church.

Leader: Peace be in this house.
All: And with all who enter here.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord,
God of all creation.
You have blessed the earth
with abundant water.
May it be for us a pledge of
cleansing and protection.
All: Blessed be God forever.

BLESSING OF THE HOME WITH HOLY WATER

A member of the family takes holy water and sprinkles the rooms of the house and the people, while all say together:

All: I will pour out water upon the thirsty ground,
and streams upon the dry land;
I will pour out my spirit upon your offspring,
and my blessing upon your descendants.

BLESSING OF THE THRESHOLD

One of the adult family members now says this blessing and sprinkles the water.

Sacred is this threshold of our home and holy is this door.
This is the meeting place of friend, neighbor,
and stranger.
May it be a bridge for our comings and goings.

Whenever we stand in its sacred circle,
may our eyes be granted new vision,
so that we can see in friend or stranger
the God of ten thousand disguises.

May this threshold be a sacred space where we come
to celebrate the Sacrament of Hospitality.

May the spirits of evil never cross this threshold,
and may the Name of the All-Holy-One
protect our home from harm.

May God's angels stand guard
at the right (*sprinkle with holy water 3X*)
and the left (*sprinkle with holy water 3X*)
of this opening
to grace our comings and goings.

May we who live in this home guard the
sacredness of this doorway.

May our hearts always be alert to the
danger of falseness and pretense
as we greet those who come to our door.

Let our affection be graced with honesty and reverence,
and may the oil of truth burn
in the lamp of our eyes.

Help us to remember that our ancestors were strangers
and exiles in Egypt,
that Joseph and Mary came knocking at a door
like this,
weary and in search of kindness.

May we receive all at this door as godly guests.

THE INSCRIPTION

20 + C + M + B + 23

One person makes the inscription with blessed chalk on the inside lintel of the main door of the house, while another proclaims the corresponding words.

	The three wise men,
C	Caspar,
M	Melchior, and
B	Balthazar
	followed the star of God's Son
	who became man
20	two thousand and
23	twenty-three years ago.
+	May Christ
+	bless our dwelling
+	and remain with us
+	throughout the New year.

PRAYER

Leader: God of Salvation, incline your ear.
Bless us and all who are gathered here,
keep us from all harm.
Let all who enter this dwelling
find a welcome and a place of peace.
And fill with grace
all who dwell in this place.

All: Amen

(If desired, this can be repeated at all doors that open from the outside, including the garage door.)

All present enjoy food and celebration afterwards (after blessing the food).

