The Feast of Epiphany

Family Resource
A Blessing of Homes
Grades K-12

Sometime this week gather with your family to offer the following New Year’s blessing.

**Leader:** Peace be to this house.

**All:** And to all who live here.

**Leader:** Three wise men came from Bethlehem to honor the Lord, and opening their treasure offered precious gifts: gold to the great king, incense to the true God, and myrrh for Christ’s body which would suffer and die like our own.

Let us pray. O God, You used the light of a star to show all nations and peoplesYour only-begotten Son. Allow us also, who know You by faith, to recognize You in the epiphanies of our life experiences.

Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ born of Mary shines upon you.

**All:** All nations will walk in your light and kings in the brilliance of your splendor.

**Leader:** And the glory of the Lord is risen on you.

Bless, O Lord, this household and family and allow all of us who live here to find in it a shelter of peace and health. Inspire all of us in this family to develop our individual talents and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of the whole. Make our house a haven for us all and a place of warmth and caring for all our friends who come and visit us. Enlighten us with the brilliance of your Epiphany star so that, as we leave our house and family to go out into the world, we might clearly see our way to You and discover You in our work and play.

This we ask to Your glory and in the power of Your kingship.

**All:** For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

The home and family are blessed with holy water or with the sign of the cross. After the blessing, the initials of the names of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar are written with chalk on or over the main doors of the house and frame by the numbers of the New Year in this way:

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