

# *Blessing in homes at Epiphany*

Peace be to this house, and to all who dwell in it.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence, May all who live here be blessed with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us; and preserve us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

*Now gather outside the door.*

Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who dwell here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Using the chalk write on the lintel (the horizontal frame above the door). The symbol is made up of the numbers from the calendar year and the initials the traditional names for the three kings, Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. Some people suggest that the letters might stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, May Christ bless this dwelling.*

*The symbol is:*

20 + C + M + B + 25