

# Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Rite of blessing the home to be led by a priest, if possible, or the father of the house if no priest is available

Father/ Peace be to this house.

Priest:

All: And to all who dwell herein

Father/ From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and  
Priest: opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the  
great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His  
burial.

*During the Magnificat below, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed:*

All: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God  
my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His  
Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon  
them that fear Him. He hath shewed might in His arm, He hath  
scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down  
the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath  
filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent  
empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of  
His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed  
forever.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and  
opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the  
great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His  
burial.

Father/ Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy  
Priest: Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead and lead us not into  
temptation,

All: But deliver us from evil.

Father/ All they from Saba shall come  
Priest:

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Father/ O Lord, hear my prayer.

Priest:

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

Father/ Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day  
Priest: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Father/ Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come,  
Priest: 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.

Father/ Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there  
Priest: may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness  
and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this  
blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Bless each room with incense and Epiphany Water. Write the Magi's  
initials, connected by Crosses, and the year's numbers over the front door with  
the blessed chalk, like this:*

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