

## HOUSE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

*Upon entering the home,*

**Leader** (*Priest or deacon if present; or head of the family*): Peace be to this house.

**All:** And to all who dwell herein.

**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.

*During the Cantic of Mary (the Magnificat) the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed.*

**All:** My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Leader:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and lead us not into temptation

**All:** but deliver us from evil.

**Leader:** All they from Saba shall come

**All:** bringing gold and frankincense.

**Leader:** O Lord, hear my prayer

**All:** and let my cry come to You.

**Leader:** O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day 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 we pray.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, 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.

**Leader:** Bless (*making the sign of the cross*) O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there 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 we pray.

**All:** Amen.

*After the prayers of the blessing are recited, the other rooms of the home are sprinkled with holy water and incensed. The initials of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, are inscribed upon the doors with blessed chalk. (The initials C, M, B, may also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "Christ bless this house.")*

*Example: 20 + C + M + B + 19*

*For Epiphany, January 6, 2019*