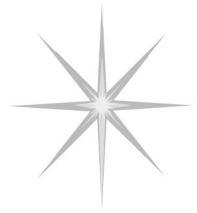


# House Blessing



## Greeting

*May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3-4)*

## Reading

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this house, let us listen to the words of scripture.

*LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:1-2)*

*Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (John 14:23)*

## Inscription

This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance:

20 + C M B + 21

Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right).

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,  
M Melchior, and  
B Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand  
21 and twenty one years ago.  
⊕ Christ, bless this house,  
⊕ and remain with us throughout the new year.

## Prayer of Blessing

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door; for example, 20 + CMB + 21. The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means, "Christ, bless this house" or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).*

