CHALK + BLESS YOUR HOME FOR EPIPHANY

This Epiphany tradition is a way of blessing all who enter, exit, and dwell in your home or church. You simply write the number of the new year and the letters C, M, and B in chalk on the door or doorframe. The letters stand for the three traditional names of the Magi in Matthew 2: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters can also be a Latin acronym for “May Christ bless this dwelling.”

CHALKING THE DOORS LITURGY FOR HOMES (2028)

Leader: Peace be to this home, and to all who enter here.

All: Amen.

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

All may take turns chalking the door: 20 + C + M + B + 28

The three Wise Men, Caspar [C], Melchior [M], and Balthasar [B], followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus 2000 [20] and 28 [28] years ago. [+ +] May Christ bless our home [+ +], and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

All say the Lord's Prayer

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CHALK + BLESS YOUR CHURCH FOR EPIPHANY

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CHALKING THE DOORS LITURGY FOR CHURCH (2028)

Leader: Peace be to this place, and to all who enter here.

All: Amen.

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

May all who come to our church this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this place and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this community. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

All may take turns chalking the door: 20 + C + M + B + 28

The three Wise Men, Caspar [C], Melchior [M], and Balthasar [B], followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus 2000 [20] and 28 [28] years ago. [+ +] May Christ bless our church [+ +], and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

All say the Lord's Prayer

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