

# THE FAMILY HOME

In many places it is custom to celebrate the blessing of the home by writing the numerals of the new year in chalk over the front door, as well as the initials C, M, and B, representing the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

Gather the family outside the front door or main entrance of your home.

Begin by singing “We Three Kings” and by praying together the Sign of the Cross.  
Then offer the following prayer of blessing:

**Loving God,  
the doors of our hearts  
and the doors of our home  
are open to you  
and to all who need  
warmth and welcome.**

*(Write the year and the initials C, M, and B in chalk over the front door or main entrance of your home.)*

**We give you thanks for our home,  
for the gift of family,  
and for the blessing of friends.**

**Keep us safe  
as we come in and as we go out  
each and every day.**

**We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN.**

