

Blessing your house for 2021

Using the chalk, mark the wall by your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21

while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may show your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

Note: C + M + B is both a reminder of the traditional names of the 3 wise men and the initial letters of the Latin phrase

'Christus mansionem benedictat' meaning "May Christ bless the house."