

Christmas

BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS

HOUSEHOLD TABLE PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

We glory in your light,
O Christ.

May this meal strengthen us
to be light for others.

Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

With the angels we sing of
your birth.

May the food of this table
nourish us
to proclaim the good news.

Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

In your lowly manger we see
God's love.

May this be a time of grace,
so others will see your love
in us.

Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

We adore you, O Christ,
Word-made-flesh.

Bless this meal, bless our lives
during these joyful
Christmas days. Amen.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Materials: A piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family, friends, and neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.* May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

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Leader (or other Reader):

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth God has promised, a dwelling place of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

You are present where two or three are gathered.

Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

Dining room:

May we be seated at the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Protect us, stay with us through the night.

Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

You cleanse us always from sin.

Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water and concludes:

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!

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