

*One* Peace be to this home, and to all who dwell in it.  
*Many* And peace to all who enter here.  
*All* God has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him!

*One* God be with you.  
*Many* And also with you.  
*One* Let us pray.  
O God we pray you to bless and sanctify this home and everything in it. Fill it with all good things. Bless and sanctify this home at our coming in, just as you blessed the home of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel. May your angels of light live within the walls of this house, and guard it and all who live in it, through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*All* Christ has come to lead us to salvation:  
May we open our hearts and follow him!

*Reader* 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
(Matthew 5:1-16)

*One* Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
*Many* Who made heaven and earth.  
*One* Let us pray.  
O God I/we pray you to bless the inhabitants of this home. Grant me/us abundance of blessings from heaven and the substance of life from the richness of the earth. Direct the longings of my/our prayer to the fruits of your mercy. Inspire my/our spirit(s) to care for your whole Creation so I/we may be the salt of the earth. Give me/us peace of mind so the light of Christ may shine forth from my/our heart(s) upon the shadows of the world. May I/we always know the comfort of your Love, in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*The doorway is marked with the symbols:*

**20 + C + M + B + 21**

*One* Christus Mansionem Benedicat. (May Christ bless this home.)  
God shall watch over your going out and your coming in:  
*Many* From this time forth for evermore. Amen.

You may mark the door wherever you'd like: at the top, bottom, or middle, on the doorjam or wall above or along the side, on the inside or the outside.

*About chalking the door:*

*The three Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human. "Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedictat, "May Christ bless the home."*

*The year (2021) is separated into two parts so that God's blessing manifests within its bounds. C M B can either stand for the names of the three Magi, or for each word of the Latin blessing.*