

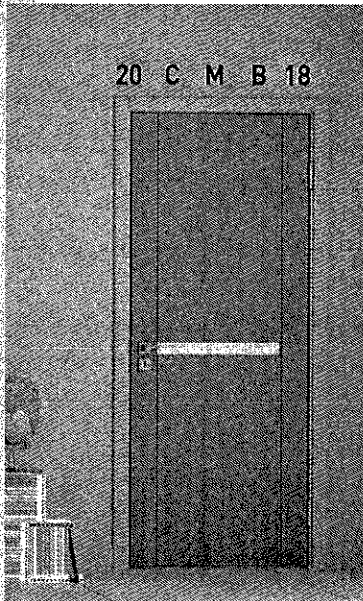
Family Prayer through the Year: **January**

JANUARY

In Honor of the Magi (On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord)

In many places it is customary to celebrate the blessing of the home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. To do this, use chalk to write the numerals of the new year and the initials C, M, and B (representing the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) over your front door.

Then offer the following prayer, taken from Our Family Prays: Catholic Prayers and Traditions (RCL Benziger, 2015).



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

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.

Sing a familiar refrain or hymn about welcome, such as "All Are Welcome," or sing a familiar refrain or hymn in celebration of the Epiphany.