

*Keeping the
Christmas Season
at Home*

DECEMBER 25, 2015 – JANUARY 10, 2016



BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE

Christmas Season

CHRISTMAS DAILY PRAYER

Grant me this gift, O Lord:
May I grow in faith
during this Christmas season.

Grant me this gift, O Lord:
May I increase in hope
during this Christmas season.

Grant me this gift, O Lord:
May I live in love
during this Christmas season.

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TABLE PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christ our Savior is born!
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May this meal nourish us
to live in service to others
as we celebrate your glorious birth,
O Christ.

Christ our Savior is born!

May the food of this table strengthen
us to share the good news
as we hear the voice of the herald
angels.

Christ our Savior is born!

May this be a season of grace,
so others will see your love in us
as we behold your humble birth.

Christ our Savior is born!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Bless this meal, bless our lives
during these joyful Christmas days.
Amen.

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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Items needed: chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.
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. Amen.

The main doorway is signed
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May Christ bless this house. Amen.

Leader (or other Reader): A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength. These commandments I give you are to be in your hearts. Place them on the doorframes of your home and on your entry gate. The Word of the Lord.

Each room is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Bring us to live with you one day in heaven.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Kitchen:

You prepare for us a rich feast.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Dining room:

Feed us at the heavenly banquet.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bedrooms:

In you alone we rest securely.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bathroom:

You cleanse us from every impurity.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

All return to the front door to pray together.

Our Father . . .

All are sprinkled with holy water.

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

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