

Blessing of A Doorway at Epiphany

These symbols are written in chalk on the lintel of the door. The job of writing the symbols may be shared out. Please adapt this Blessing to the patience and reading abilities of those present.

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Leader God is with you.

All **And also with you.**

Leader Then Jesus began to speak, and taught the people, saying,
Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader Blessed are those who mourn,

All **for they will be comforted.**

Leader Blessed are the meek,

All **for they will inherit the earth.**

Leader Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

All **for they will be filled.**

Leader Blessed are the merciful,

All **for they will receive mercy.**

Leader Blessed are the pure in heart,

All **for they will see God.**

Leader Blessed are the peacemakers,

All **for they will be called children of God.**

Leader Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

All **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** *(From the fifth chapter of Matthew)*

The Leader continues Let us pray.

All read together

Good and gracious God, we ask your blessing on this doorway.

**May all the people who walk through this doorway
search for Jesus with the faithfulness of the astronomers from the east.**

**When we come in this doorway to be with family and friends,
show us that Jesus is here among us.**

**When we go out of this doorway,
help us to bring Jesus with us in our hearts, in our words and in the things we do for others.**

**In the world outside this doorway,
let us see Jesus in every person we meet.**

Help us to live this year in the upside-down world that Jesus taught us. AMEN!