

# Christmas

## *Blessings & Prayers*

### *Christmas Daily Prayer*

That I will grow in faith  
during these days of joy:  
Grant me this gift, O Lord.

That my hope will increase  
during these days of grace:  
Grant me this gift, O Lord.

That I will be a living sign of love  
during these days of glory.  
Grant me this gift, O Lord.

### *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.*

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

*The main doorway is signed*  
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Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*  
May Christ bless this house. Amen.

Leader (or other Reader): A reading from the book of Revelation.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling  
is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his  
people."

The Word of the Lord                      ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Each room is sprinkled with holy water.*

*Living room:*

Lead us to live with you on high.  
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

*Kitchen:*

You have prepared a banquet for us.  
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

*Dining room:*

You feed us at that heavenly banquet.  
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

*Bedrooms:*

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

*Bathroom:*

You cleanse us from the stain of sin.  
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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### *Table Prayer for the Christmas Season*

The Word became flesh.  
*The Word became flesh.*

Let this meal nourish us  
to live in service to others  
as we celebrate your dwelling among us,  
O Christ.

*The Word became flesh.*

May the food of this table strengthen us  
to share the good news  
brought to earth by the voice of  
herald angels.

*The Word became flesh.*

Grant that this will be a season of peace,  
so others will see your love in us  
first shown in your humble birth.

*The Word became flesh.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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

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