

Blessing Your Home for 2022

Pray God's Blessing - A Message from Msgr. Marren

When the Lord God was delivering His people from the slavery of Egypt, He instructed the people to mark the lintel (door frame) of their doors with the blood of a lamb as a mark of His providential protection. Of course, in some parts of our world, there is a modification of this practice using chalk or some other means of marking the lintel of the door. In marking of our door frames, we are asking God to bless and protect all those who live within our home and all those who visit. Should you wish to do this, simply mark the lintel inscribing 20 for the first part of the year, then a plus sign representing the cross of salvation and another plus sign separating the letters CMB (the initials of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, the names of the three Magi or three kings). Finally, add 22 for this year. The inscription CMB not only stands for the names of the Magi but also stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ bless this home". The inscription then for this year would be "20+C+M+B+22" (See picture below for reference). What a wonderful activity asking God's blessings on all our homes!

*Bless this house, O Lord we pray,
Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out;
Bless the roof and chimneys tall,
Let thy peace lay over all;
Bless this door, that it may prove,
Ever open to joy and love.*

*Bless these windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heav'nly light;
Bless the hearth a-blazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer;
Bless the folk who dwell within,
Keep them pure and free from sin;
Bless us all that we may be,
Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee;
Bless us all that one day we,
May dwell, O Lord, with Thee.*



About Msgr. Hugh M. Marren

Msgr. Hugh Marren, pictured on the left, is Deacon Rick's pastor at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, Georgia. Msgr. Marren has generously supported the work of Catholic World Mission for years by welcoming parish appeals, hosting visiting clergy and religious at the rectory, and helping to raise funds for various CWM projects. Some of these projects include the seminarians' program, multiple projects in India, orphanages in Sri Lanka, DR Congo, and Bangladesh, evangelistic programs in Liberia, and all types of projects in Ghana, including the construction of a church and shipment of medical and other supplies for churches and hospitals in Ghana. We, at Catholic World Mission, thank Msgr. Hugh Marren for his many years of faithful support.

