

JANUARY 6, 2026
EPIPHANY OF
OUR LORD

taking+ faith home

God's light shines through Jesus.

EPIPHANY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Epiphany observances.

Tuesday	Isaiah 60:1-6	The glory of God shines on the people
	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	All shall bow down
	Ephesians 3:1-12	The gospel's promise for all
	Matthew 2:1-12	The wise men worship Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR EPIPHANY

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Epiphany:

Dear God, in Jesus you show your glory to the nations. Come, Holy Spirit, bless all the nations of the world with peace, joy, and love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, as the star shone over Bethlehem to reveal the presence of your Son, may this meal remind us that this food is a gift of your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the light of Christ bring you peace and joy.

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HYMN FOR EPIPHANY

*I Want to Walk as a
Child of the Light*

EPIPHANY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you were with someone from a different culture or religion? Tell about it.
- God used a star to lead the wise men to find Jesus, the Light of the World. What or who has God used to lead you to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 2:1-12.

People from another religion and another part of the ancient world used astrology to guide them to Jesus, and it worked. God wants the world to be blessed by the light of Christ that shines from Bethlehem to Jerusalem and on to the ends of the earth. It is God's powerful light that has entered the darkness of fear. Not only is King Herod frightened by the message that a king has been born to the Jews, but so are all the people of Jerusalem. Even the people faithful to God's reign are fearful. A new day that brings astonishing news signals a change and is feared by all. We, ourselves, fear change, even if it has come to benefit us. The moment something new happens to us, we lose a sense of control. In this reading, the change is about God's rule, God's ways, and God's love that shines brightly into a darkened world. Thanks be to God for the light that breaks into the dark corners of our world and of our lives. It is the only light and only hope that really matters.

Discuss: When is a time that change was difficult for you? Where do you feel God was in that moment?

Pray: Dear Jesus, bless us to see in you the one who takes our fears and worries and turns them into joy and gladness. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Epiphany Bible Readings and theme for this day, how can you help or support someone who is going through dark times?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Epiphany is traditionally associated with the blessing of homes as a place to welcome friends and strangers. Light a candle to symbolize Christ. Go from room to room as a group.

Pray: Lord Jesus, please bless this room and all that takes place here. Light this room and our lives with your presence. Amen.

After you have gone throughout your home, use chalk to write above your entrance door: 20+C+M+B+26 (It stands for the year 2026, the traditional names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar given to the wise men, and also for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which is Latin for "Christ, bless this home.")