

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Family member:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders,
Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea:
his birth brings joy to our hearts
and enlightenment to our minds.

With this tree, decorated and adorned,
may we welcome Christ among us;
may its lights guide us to the perfect light.



Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

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