

INFANT JESUS DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Monthly Novena Prayers

(16th – 25th day of Every Month)

- **Sign of the Cross**

- **Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

V/ Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R/ and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V/ Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R/ and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

V/ Thou O Lord will open my lips

R/ and my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V/ Incline unto my aid, O God

R/ O Lord, make haste to help me

V/ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R/ as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

• **Opening Hymn: LITTLE KING SO FAIR AND SWEET**

1. Little King so fair and sweet See us gathered round thy feet; Be Thou monarch of our home It shall flourish 'neath thy rule. We will be thy subjects true, Brave to suffer, brave to do, All our hearts to thee we bring Take them, keep them Little King.

2. Raise thy little hand to bless, All our childhood's happiness. Bless our sorrow and our pain, That each cross may be our gain, By thine own sweet childhood, Lord Sanctify each thought and word. Set thy seal on everything Which we do, O little King.

3. Be our teacher when we learn All the hard to easy turn. Be our playmate when we play So we shall indeed be glad Keep us happy, keep us pure While our childhood shall endure All its days to thee we bring Bless them, guard them, little King.

4. Be our leader in the fight, In the darkness be our light, O'er the rough and o'er the smooth, Safely guide our wayward youth. Where so'er our path may be We will try to follow thee To thy mantle we will cling Help us, save us, little King.

5. Little King, so dear and sweet, Here we cast before thy feet, All we are or yet may be, Every sense and faculty: All our body, all our soul, We subject to thy control. Let them all thy praises sing, Now and always little King.

6. Let us in the noisy world, Keep thy banner broad unfurled. In an age of ease and pride, Leading Christian lives denied. In an age which seeks its way, Glad and cheerful to obey. While thy simple truth shall ring, In word and act, O Little King.

7. And when holidays have come, Call thy children to thy home. In that gentle voice of thine, Which we know, sweet child divine. At the gate, O meet us thus, As we loved thee, child like us. Stretch thy hands in welcoming, To thine own, O little King.

(Or any appropriate hymn of your choice. Thereafter, brief silent meditation in preparation for prayer – 30 seconds)

- **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayer O Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I believe that you are here present. I wish to spend this period of prayer and meditation with you: thanking you for your graces, adoring your infinite goodness, and speaking to you of my needs.

Give me an understanding of the Holy Gospel. Give me the grace to penetrate the Holy mysteries of the Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of my Lord Jesus Christ, whose Holy name I invoke for my salvation and for your honour and glory: and in whom the fullness of the Godhead resides bodily. May I imitate His virtues, and reap as an abundant harvest, the fruits of my devotion to Him: the blessings he has promised to all who honour Him.

Hear my prayer for the intentions of all who are gathered here; for the intentions of all for whom I pray; for the general and specific intentions of the church; for the forgiveness of sins and the conversion of sinners; for the sick, the dying and the holy souls in purgatory; for the spread of this devotion; and lastly, for all the intentions of the Divine Heart of the Holy Infant Jesus.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of my Lord and my mother also, St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Church; my patron saint and guardian angel; in union with the hosts of angels and saints in Heaven, pray for me. Holy Spirit, inspire me with your gifts, that I may praise you with the Father, through His Son, the Holy Infant Jesus, who lives and reigns in glory, one God forever and ever. Amen.

- **THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE INFANT.**

(Pope Pius IX attached 300 days indulgence to the recitation of this Little Rosary, 9 August, 1858, and by a brief of the 18 November, 1896, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII confirmed the indulgence of 300 days for the recitation of the Little Crown, on the express condition that the associates should conform to the original method of reciting it, namely, that before each of the three Our Fathers and twelve Hail Mary's, the following should be said: "...the word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us".)

(While meditating on the goodness of the Infant Jesus whose Image is portrayed on the medal, say :)

"Divine Infant Jesus, I adore Thy Cross and I accept all the crosses Thou will be pleased to send me. Adorable Trinity, I offer Thee for the glory of the Holy Name of God, all the adoration of the Sacred Heart of the Holy Infant Jesus."

In Honor of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(3 Times)

V/ **The Word was made Flesh,**
R/ and dwelt among us.
Our Father

The Twelve Mysteries of the Divine Infancy

1. The Incarnation of the Child Jesus (*Luke 1:31-32*).
2. The Visitation (*Luke 1:42-45*).
3. The Expectation (*Isaiah 40:1-5*).
4. The Nativity (*Luke 2:6-7*).
5. The Circumcision (*Luke 2:21*).
6. The Adoration of the Magi (*Matthew. 2:2*).
7. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (*Luke 2:22*).
8. The Flight into Egypt (*Matthew. 2: 13-15*).
9. The Exile in Egypt (*Matthew. 2:15*).
10. The Return from Egypt (*Matthew. 2: 19-23*).
11. The Hidden Life in Nazareth (*Luke 2:51-52*).
12. The Finding in the Temple (*Luke 2:46-47*).

† Holy Infant Jesus, Bless and Protect us, Amen. *(3 xs)*

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, Splendor of the Father,
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,
Jesus, King of Glory,
Jesus, Sun of Justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, Lover of Chastity,
Jesus, our Lover,
Jesus, God of Peace,
Jesus, Author of Life,
Jesus, Model of Virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the Poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful,
Jesus, Good Shepherd,
Jesus, True Light,
Jesus, Eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, Infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, joy of the Angels,
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,

Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

have mercy on us.
have mercy on us

Be merciful,

spare us, O Jesus!

Be merciful,

graciously hear us, O Jesus!

From all evil,
From all sin,
From your wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of your inspirations,
Through the mystery of your holy Incarnation,
Through your Nativity,
Through your Infancy,
Through your most Divine Life,
Through your Labours,
Through your Agony and Passion,
Through your Cross and Dereliction,
Through your Sufferings,
Through your Death and Burial,
Through your Resurrection,
Through your Ascension,
Through your Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist,
Through your Joys,
Through your Glory,

deliver us, O Jesus.

deliver us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Jesus!
graciously hear us, O Jesus!
have mercy on us, O Jesus!

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us

Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who has said: “ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you”; grant we beseech You, to our most humble supplication, the gift of Your most Divine love, that we may ever love You with our whole hearts, words and works, and never to cease praising You.

O Lord, give us a perpetual fear as well as love of Your Holy Name, for You never cease to govern those whom You found upon the solidity of Your love, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

• **The Prayer of Christ the King**

Almighty, everlasting God, Who did will that all things should be made new in thy beloved Son, the universal king, mercifully grant that all kindred of the Nations scattered by the ravages of sin

may be brought under the sweet yoke of His rule. Who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

* **Prayers to Our Eternal Father:**

Eternal Father, I offer to your honour and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the mystery of the birth of our Divine Redeemer. **Glory be...**

Eternal Father, I offer to your honour and glory, and for my eternal salvation and that of the whole world, the sufferings of the most Holy Virgin and St. Joseph on that long and weary journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and the anguish of their hearts at not finding a place of shelter when the Saviour of the world was about to be born. **Glory be ...**

Eternal Father, I offer to your honour and glory, and for my eternal salvation and that of the whole world, the sufferings of Jesus in the manger where he was born, the cold he suffered, the tears he shed and his tender Infant cries. **Glory be ...**

Eternal Father, I offer to your honour and glory, and for my eternal salvation and that of the whole world, the pain which the divine child Jesus felt in his tender body when he submitted to the rite of circumcision: I offer you that precious blood which he then first shed for the salvation of all mankind. **Glory be...**

Eternal Father, I offer to your honour and glory, and for my eternal salvation and that of the whole world, the humility, mortification, patience, charity and all the virtues of the child Jesus; I thank you, I love you, and I bless you tenderly for this ineffable mystery of the incarnation of the Word of God. **Glory be ...**

V/ The Word was made Flesh,
R/ and dwelt among us.

Let us Pray:

O God, whose only-begotten Son has appeared in the substance of our flesh; grant, we beg You, that through Him, whom we acknowledge to have been outwardly like us, we may deserve to be renewed in our inward selves. Who lives and reigns with You forever and ever. Amen.

(A partial indulgence to all who, on any of the nine days preceding the 25 of each month, shall recite the above prayers – Pope Pius IX Sept. 23, 1846.

7 years indulgence once each day of the Novena. Plenary on the usual condition at the conclusion of the Novena. Begin Novena on 16 and try to be present at Mass and receive Holy Communion on the 25 – *Preces et Pia Opera*)

VENERATION OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY INFANCY

Day 1 (16th):

Jesus admirable Child, who came down from the bosom of the Father for our salvation, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, who did not abhor the virgin's womb, and who being the Word made flesh took upon Himself the form of a servant, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

- ***Bible Reflection***

Luke 2:6-12 (The Nativity). *(or any related passage of your choice)*

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

Day 2 (17th):

Jesus admirable Child, who by means of Your Virgin Mother, visited St. Elizabeth, filled your precursor, John the Baptist with the Holy Spirit and sanctified him in his mother's womb, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

- ***Bible Reflection***

Luke 2:25-32. (The Presentation.) *(or any related passage of your choice)*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your

word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

Day 3 (18th):

Jesus, admirable Child, who was enclosed for nine months in your mother's womb, was looked for with eager expectation by the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, offered by God the Father for the salvation of the world, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

• ***Bible Reflection***

Luke 2:41-50. (Jesus aged 12, in the Temple.) *(or any related passage of your choice)*

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

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Day 4: (19th):

Jesus admirable Child, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a Manger, announced by Angels and visited by shepherds, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

- ***Bible Reflection***

Luke 22:39-46 (The Agony in the Garden). *(or any related passage of your choice)*

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

Day 5 (20th):

Jesus admirable Child, wounded after eight days in your circumcision, called by the glorious name of Jesus and at once, by your name and blood, foreshown as the Saviour of the world, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

- ***Bible Reflection***

John 19:16-22. (Carrying of the Cross) *(or any related passage of your choice)*

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

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Day 6 (21st):

Jesus admirable Child, manifested by the leading of a star to the three wise men, worshipped in the arms of your mother, presented with the mystic gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

• ***Bible Reflection***

John 19:25b-30 (Mary at the Foot of the Cross). *(or any related passage of your choice)*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(All kneel for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

Day 7 (22nd):

Jesus admirable Child, presented in the Temple by Your Virgin Mother, taken up in Simeon's arms and revealed to Israel by Anna, a prophetess, have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

• ***Bible Reflection***

Mark 16:1-7 (Easter Appearances: The Empty Tomb). *(or any related passage of your choice)*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they

saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

Day 8 (23rd):

Jesus admirable Child, who dwelt most reverently in the Holy house at Nazareth, in subjection to Your parents, was wearied by poverty and toil and increased in wisdom, age and grace, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

- ***Bible Reflection***

Luke 24:46-53 (Jesus Ascends to Heaven) *(or any related passage of your choice)*

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

Day 9 (24th):

Jesus admirable Child, brought to Jerusalem at twelve years of age, sought by your sorrowing parents and found with joy after three days in the midst of doctors, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Hail Mary... Glory be...
Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen

- **Bible Reflection**

Acts 2:1-7 The Descent of the Holy Spirit. (or any related passage of your choice)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

(Pause for a brief moment of personal reflection.)

† Holy Infant Jesus, bless and protect us, Amen.

V/ The Word was made flesh R/ and dwelt among us.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and earth, You revealed Yourself to little ones. Grant we beg You, that we may venerate with due honour the sacred mysteries of Your Son, the Child Jesus and copy them with due imitation.

May we thus be enabled to enter the kingdom of heaven which You have promised to little children. We ask this through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

- **Prayer for the Sick**

O Holy Infant Jesus, the giver of life and health, we bow before You, unworthy and miserable sinners that we are, to implore You to cure the sick especially..., *(State the name of the person on whose behalf you offer this prayer)* who are so dear to our heart. They are in great pains and suffering, and can find no help except in You, Oh merciful Jesus, in whom they place all their hope and trust. Relieve their agony, suffering and pains, and give them perfect health of mind, body and soul, according to your holy will Oh Miraculous Infant Messiah. May your will be done. Amen

- For Pope's intention, absent members and spread of the Devotion:
Our Father ...Hail Mary... Glory Be to the Father...

- **The Memorare**

Remember, O Divine Child Jesus, the promises you made to Venerable Father Cyril, your pious servant, in favour of those honouring your miraculous image and the Mysteries it reminds us of your Childhood. Full of confidence in your goodness, O Jesus, we come to submit our misery to you.

Grant us, by the infinite merits of your incarnation and Childhood, to triumph so well over our enemies and to remain so faithful to you, that we may deserve to be your servants and to be numbered among your friends on earth and among your blissful in heaven. Do not reject our humble prayers, O Sweet and Almighty Jesus, but receive them favourably and be pleased to answer them. Amen.

- **Prayer of Fr. Cyril of the Mother of God, OCD.**

O Infant Jesus, I run to You,
begging You through Your Holy Mother
to save me in this need, *(State your intention)*,
for I truly and firmly believe
that Your Divinity can defend me.
Full of trust I hope in You
to obtain Your holy grace.
I love You with all my heart,
I am painfully sorry for my sins
and on my knees I beg You,
O Little Jesus, to free me from them.
My resolution is to improve
and never more to offend You.
Therefore, I offer myself to You,
ready to suffer everything for You
and to serve You faithfully.
I will love my neighbours as myself
from my heart for the love of You.
O Little Jesus, I adore You,
O Mighty Child, I implore You,
save me in this need, *(State your intention)*,
that I may enjoy You eternally,
with Mary and Joseph see You
and with all the angels adore You. Amen.

- Sign of Peace
- Announcement
- Closing Hymn

Oh Holy Infant Jesus
I believe in You
I hope in You
I trust in You
And
I love you with all my heart, Amen. **(3xs)**

- Sign of the Cross.

25th Day Thanksgiving Prayers

(It is desirable that a thanksgiving offering should be done by members after Every Monthly Novena and this should take place during the Mass on the Sunday that follows the novena and that Infant Jesus Votive Mass should be celebrated for the intentions of the devotees where it is possible once every month.)

Opening Prayer *(All Kneel)*

- **Sign of the Cross**
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R/ and my tongue shall announce thy praise.

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R/ O Lord, make haste to help me

V/ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R/ as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

- **Opening Hymn** *(All stand for the opening hymn)*

• **Opening Hymn: LITTLE KING SO FAIR AND SWEET**

1. Little King so fair and sweet See us gathered round thy feet; Be Thou monarch of our home It shall flourish 'neath thy rule. We will be thy subjects true, Brave to suffer, brave to do, All our hearts to thee we bring Take them, keep them Little King.

2. Raise thy little hand to bless, All our childhood's happiness. Bless our sorrow and our pain, That each cross may be our gain, By thine own sweet childhood, Lord Sanctify each thought and word. Set thy seal on everything Which we do, O little King.

3. Be our teacher when we learn All the hard to easy turn. Be our playmate when we play So we shall indeed be glad Keep us happy, keep us pure While our childhood shall endure All its days to thee we bring Bless them, guard them, little King.

4. Be our leader in the fight, In the darkness be our light, O'er the rough and o'er the smooth, Safely guide our wayward youth. Where so'er our path may be We will try to follow thee To thy mantle we will cling Help us, save us, little King.

5. Little King, so dear and sweet, Here we cast before thy feet, All we are or yet may be, Every sense and faculty: All our body, all our soul, We subject to thy control. Let them all thy praises sing, Now and always little King.

6. Let us in the noisy world, Keep thy banner broad unfurled. In an age of ease and pride, Leading Christian lives denied. In an age which seeks its way, Glad and cheerful to obey. While thy simple truth shall ring, In word and act, O Little King.

7. And when holidays have come, Call thy children to thy home. In that gentle voice of thine, Which we know, sweet child divine. At the gate, O meet us thus, As we loved thee, child like us. Stretch thy hands in welcoming, To thine own, O little King.

(A brief moment of quiet meditation in preparation for prayer)

(All Kneel) O eternal Son of God/who didst come to us in the form of a child/ make us worthy to meditate on Thy greatness and power/Thy goodness and mercy/and Thy majesty as true God and true Man. Be Thou pleased to accept our adoration / and grant that what we ask for in faith / we may receive from Thy love. / Amen.

O Divine Infant Jesus/ by the merits of Thy birth at Bethlehem / grant us a rebirth in love for Thee. / Fill our hearts with the warmth of charity / to make up for the coldness of Thy crib. / Fill our souls with the glory of all virtues / to make Thee forget the poor straw of thy manger. / And then Dear Infant Jesus / Do thou take up Thy abode with us. / Come unto us Thy true children / And we will receive Thee with joy. / Stay with us during all the days of our lives / and take us unto Thyself at the hour of our death. Amen.

O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of the Infant God / and Mother of all of us / obtain for us a share in that supreme adoration / which thou didst give so perfectly to thy Divine Son our Lord. /

May our faith in Him / our hope in Him / and our love for Him / be like unto Thine own / Help us O Virgin Mother of God to hate and detest all our sins / to confess them as soon as possible / so that with great purity of heart / we may be worthy to receive in Holy Communion / Him who was pleased to be born of Thee / Christ Jesus, our Infant King. Amen.

- **Greetings to the Child Jesus**

Hail, most loving little Jesus, sweetest love, far above all created love! I greet you, and in the desires of all Christendom I embrace you.

Hail, most charming little Jesus, noble Child of Nazareth, full rose of Jericho, blooming flower from heaven! Draw our hearts to yourself and refresh them with your sweetness.

Hail, most lovable little Jesus, living Bread of Bethlehem, innocent Lamb of Jerusalem, newly-born King of Judah! Receive us unto the number of your chosen servants.

Hail, most beautiful little Jesus, watchful shepherd of the heavenly sheep, beloved fellow-Brother of all children of men, delicate flower planted by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Heart of Mary, bright daybreak rising out of the dark night to the joy of the whole earth! Drive away from us the darkness of sin.

Glory and praise be to you, tender, sweet little Jesus! From the depths of my heart I pray and adore you because for the love of me and of all humankind, you were willing to lie in the manger and to suffer such great poverty and misery. I thank and adore your tender limbs and your tender hands and feet, and I praise the inexpressible love which drew you forth from the bosom of the Heavenly Father, down to a poor and miserable stable.

Glory and praise be to you, little Jesus! I greet and praise you with the same fervent love with which your Mother loved and praised you so intensely.

Glory and praise be to you, most beloved little Jesus, sweet delight of eternal blessedness. I greet and praise you with the same love which made you leave heaven and become a poor child.

Glory and praise be to you, most precious little Jesus, joy and honour of your Heavenly Father! I thank you through your own sweet Heart which you have revealed to the whole world through your birth.

I greet you over and over again, most beautiful little Jesus, sweetest delight of the Father's Heart, refreshment of sick souls, I offer to you my own heart for your eternal glory and service. Jesus, crown, love, joy, bliss of virgins! Your love made you the Son of a Virgin. May you be glorified and praised forever. Amen.

- **Thanksgiving Prayer**

We prostrate before Your holy image, O most gracious Infant Jesus, to offer you our most fervent thanks for the blessings you have bestowed on us.

We shall incessantly praise your ineffable mercy, and confess that you alone are our God, our helper, and our protector. Henceforth, our confidence shall be placed in you. Everywhere we will proclaim aloud your mercy and generosity, so that your great love and the great deeds which you perform through this miraculous image may be acknowledged by all. May devotion to your Holy Infancy extend more and more in the hearts of all Christians, and may all who experience your assistance persevere with us in showing unceasing gratitude to your most Holy Infancy, to which be praise and glory for all eternity. Amen.

- **Act of offering to the Most Holy Child Jesus**

O most Adorable Infant, desiring to honour Thy Most Adorable Infancy, which was the first state upon earth which Thou didst subject Thyself for my salvation, I though a most unworthy sinner, choose Thee this day in the presence of Thy Blessed Virgin Mother Mary, and of St. Joseph, Thy most faithful FosterFather, as my King and my Lord; and I firmly promise to love and serve Thee always, and to honour Thee especially in this state in which Thou, O word eternal, immense and infinite, were born a little babe for the love of me. Ah! Be pleased, O Most loving babe, to bless this my respectful offering, and give me grace to depend henceforth wholly upon Thee, as Thou in all things didst depend upon Thy Virgin Mother, and St. Joseph, so that I may be fit to be a servant in Thy Holy family on earth and then be admitted to the citizenship with the angels and Thy saints in Heaven, and therefore, do Thou bless me, save me, and help me. Amen.

- **Prayer for Help**

When evil darkens our world	Give us light
When despair numbs our souls	Give us hope
When we stumble and fall	Lift us up
When doubts assail us	Give us trust
When nothing seems sure	Give us faith
When ideals fade	Renew our vision
When we lose our way	Be our guide

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.
My sweetest Jesus, be not my judge, but my Saviour.

That we may find peace in your presence and purpose in doing your will. Amen.

- **Litany to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague**

(In thanksgiving to God for favours received)

Lord, have mercy
 Christ, have mercy
 Lord, have mercy
 Christ, hear us,

Lord, have mercy
 Christ, have mercy
 Lord have mercy
 Christ, graciously hear us

God the Father of Heaven
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world
 God the Holy Spirit
 Holy Trinity, One God
 O merciful Infant Jesus

Have mercy on us
 Have mercy on us

Infant Jesus, true God, and Lord
 Infant Jesus whose Omnipotence is manifested in a wonderful manner
 Infant Jesus whose wisdom searches our heart and mind
 Infant Jesus whose goodness continually aids us
 Infant Jesus whose providence leads us to our final end
 Infant Jesus whose truth enlightens the darkness of our heart
 Infant Jesus whose generosity enriches our poverty
 Infant Jesus whose friendship consoles the afflicted
 Infant Jesus whose mercy forgives our sins
 Infant Jesus whose strength invigorates us
 Infant Jesus whose power turns away all evils
 Infant Jesus whose justice deters us from sin
 Infant Jesus whose power conquers hell
 Infant Jesus whose lovely countenance attracts our hearts and mind
 Infant Jesus whose magnificence embraces the entire world with the Hand
 Infant Jesus whose heart aflame with love enkindles our cold hearts
 Infant Jesus whose outstretched little hand of mercy fills us with heavenly bliss
 Infant Jesus whose sweetest and holy Name rejoices In the hearts of the faithful
 Infant Jesus whose glory fills the whole world

Have mercy on us

Be merciful
 Be merciful

Spare us O Infant Jesus!
 Hear us O Infant Jesus!

From all evil
 From all sin
 From all distrust of your unending kindness!
 From all doubts about your miraculous power
 From all lukewarm efforts to worship you
 From all want and need

Deliver us, O Infant Jesus!

From trials and misfortune	Deliver us, O Infant Jesus!
By all the mysteries of your Holy Childhood	We poor sinners beseech Thee, hear us
Through the help of Mary your Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, your foster Father;	We poor sinners beseech Thee, hear us
That you forgive our sins;	We beseech Thee, hear us
That you absolve us from punishment for our sins	
That you may enrich and preserve our love for worship of your holy Infancy	
That you never withdraw your miraculous hand from us	
That you keep us mindful of your numberless benefits	
That you inflame us more and more with love for your Sacred Heart	
That you graciously hear all who call upon you with confidence	
That you preserve our country in peace	
That you free us from all impending evils	
That you give eternal life to all who generously serve you	
That you grant us a happy death	
That you pronounce a merciful sentence on us at the judgment	
That you in your miraculous image remain our consoling refuge	
Jesus, Son of God and Holy Mary	We beseech Thee, hear us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;	Spare us, O Infant Jesus
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;	Graciously hear us, O Infant
Jesus Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;	Have mercy on us, O Infant Jesus
Jesus hear us, Infant Jesus,	graciously hear us

Our Father...

Let us pray:

O miraculous Infant Jesus! Prostrate before your sacred image, we beseech Thee to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let your tender heart, so inclined to pity, be softened at our prayers and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore you.

Take from us all affliction and despair, all trials and misfortunes with which we are laden. For your sacred Infancy's sake, hear our prayer and send us consolation and aid, that we may praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

- **Mantra Prayers**

My Little Jesus, I love you (*12xs- song*)
(In honour of the 12 years of the Divine Infancy)

Let us pray:

My little Jesus, if it be Your Holy Will, look upon my poor petition and grant me the favour I so earnestly beg of You. In return, I will ever love you, Divine Infant and will do all in my power to make you known and loved. Amen.

- **Prayer in Honour of the Most Holy Infant**

O most adorable Infant Jesus, my King, and my Saviour, I dedicate myself to you this day, offering to you my whole being, my soul, my body, my will and all that belongs to me. I beseech you to take possession of it all, as I desire no longer to live but in you, nor to possess anything, except it be according to your will and divine appointment, so that in future I may look upon myself simply as an instrument in your hands, to do whatever you desire with me in all things. Amen.

- **The Memorare to the Child Jesus**

(By Venerable Sister Margaret of the Blessed Sacrament)

Remember, O Holy Child Jesus that you have said to Venerable Sister Margaret of the Blessed Sacrament these words so full of consolation for our poor, burdened and suffering humanity:

"Draw from this Divine Heart. Ask all that you desire through the merits of My Holy Childhood. Nothing will be refused to you." Full of confidence in You O Jesus, Who are Truth itself, we come to make known all our misery to You. Help us to lead a Holy life in order to attain a Blessed Eternity. Grant us through the Merits of Your Incarnation and of Your Childhood, the graces of which we are most in need. No, we shall not be deceived in our hope. We abandon ourselves to You, O Omnipotent God, in virtue of Your Divine Promise, You will favorably receive and deign to grant our prayer. Amen.

- **Prayer of Petition in the Holy Name of Jesus**

O Divine Jesus, Thou hast promised that anything we ask of the Eternal Father in Thy name shall be granted. O Eternal Father. In the name of Jesus, for the love of Jesus, in fulfillment of this promise, and because Jesus has said it, grant us our petitions for the sake of Jesus, Thy Divine Son. Amen.

Oh Holy Infant Jesus

I believe in You

I hope in You

I trust in You

and

I love with all my heart, Amen. (*3x*)

- **Prayer for Burning of Petition:**

(In the absence of a Minister, all devotees should gather around the petition to offer this prayer and thereafter burn the petition.)

O sweet Infant Jesus of Prague, we adore you, we worship you and we venerate your Holy and Divine Infancy and Name. The name that gives life, the name that pardons sinners, the name that grants healing and hears our prayers. We humbly plead that you accept all our unworthy offerings and petitions written and unwritten which we are about to burn here. As the fire consumes them, may the smoke that burn out of them rise into your presence like the sacrifice of Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham our Father in faith, the sacrifice of Elijah Your prophet and saint, and all the worthy offerings of your holy men and women.

O Sweet Infant Jesus of Prague, be pleased to look upon these written petitions with a serene and kindly countenance. May they be worthy of your acceptance, favours and blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- **Closing Hymn** (*Any appropriate Hymn*)
- **Announcement**
- **Sign of the Cross**