

# A CHRISTMAS NOVENA

16-24 (OR 17-25) DECEMBER



We pray the Christmas Novena as we prepare for the coming of our Lord on Christmas! As we reflect on His birth, we will also pray for a greater respect for the dignity of human life everywhere.

## Opening Prayer

O Lord, Word of God, You, whose glory is complete, came to us in perfect humility as a child in the womb. Your love for us and humility is unsurpassed and brings us to our knees in prayer and worship.

Your incarnation forever changed the world.

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Day 1 - Joy

O Lord, infant Jesus, fill us with joy! The birth of any child is a cause for joy and so much more is the birth of You our Saviour. We pray in union with Mary, Your mother, for a greater joy this Christmas.

## Day 2 - Humility

O Lord, infant Jesus, grant us great humility! You gave us the model of perfect humility in your incarnation, life and death. We pray for a greater Humility this Christmas.

## Day 3 - Faith

O Lord, infant Jesus, give us the gift of Faith! You, Lord, deserve our complete faith. We pray for deeper and more perfect faith in you this Christmas.

## Day 4 - Hope

O Lord, infant Jesus, bring us the Hope that saves! Your birth to the Virgin Mary brought a Hope to the world that continues to sustain us. We pray for a saving Hope this Christmas.

## Day 5 - Love

O Lord, infant Jesus, inspire in us Your selfless love! You humbled yourself to become like us in all things

but sin, and even humbled yourself to die on a cross. We pray that you will help us to love as You love this Christmas.

### Day 6 - Peace

O Lord, infant Jesus, give us Your peace! You are the Prince of Peace and the ultimate fulfilment of your incarnation brings us to you in heaven where peace will come to perfection. We pray for peace this Christmas.

### Day 7 - Forgiveness

O Lord, infant Jesus, move us to forgive others as you forgive us! Your Divine Mercy is unending! We pray for Your Divine Mercy on us and that we may participate in Your mercy by forgiving others this Christmas.

### Day 8 - Holiness

O Lord, infant Jesus, inspire us to be repulsed by sin! You, Lord, are holy but we are not. We pray that you will make us holy and keep us from temptation this Christmas.

### Day 9 - Life Eternal

O Lord, infant Jesus, bring us to live eternal with You! Jesus, your nativity was not without purpose.

Your purpose was to bring us to You. We pray that you will bring us to Life Eternal with you this Christmas.

**Closing Prayers (to be said after the prayer for each day)**

We pray also for these intentions... (State your intentions here)

May Your Holy Will be done in my life and with these intentions.

We pray that the work of salvation that Your first coming began will reach fulfilment in each of us.

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Amen.

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