

WHY IS THERE A DEVOTION TO THE CHILD JESUS?

A COMMENTARY PROVIDED BY AN UNKNOWN
RELIGIOUS

THAT CANONIZED SAINTS AND SO MANY OTHERS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR DEVOTION TO THE INFANT KING IS NOT HARD TO UNDERSTAND. FAR BACK IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES THE PROPHET ISAIAH SPOKE OF A LITTLE "SHOOT" THAT WAS TO BUD FROM THE STOCK OF JESSE (IS. 11).



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WOULD REST ON THIS ONE OF DAVID'S LINE AND AT HIS COMING THERE WOULD BE MESSIANIC PEACE THROUGHOUT THE LAND, FOR "**A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.**" THE EVANGELISTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT SEE THIS PROPHECY FULFILLED IN CHRIST.

HE IS THE **TRUE** PRINCE OF PEACE SO LONG AWAITED. SON OF MARY, WHO IS OF DAVID'S LINE, HE IS AT THE SAME TIME THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD.

GOD HAS PLACED IN MEN'S HEARTS AN INSTINCTIVE RESPONSE TO THE HELPLESSNESS OF CHILDHOOD. IT IS HIS WILL THAT THIS RESPONSE, AS ALL OTHERS, BE MADE TO HIS SON, WHO "**BEING RICH, BECAME POOR FOR YOUR SAKE. IN ORDER THAT BY HIS POVERTY YOU MIGHT BECOME RICH**" (2 COR. 8, 9). GOD ORDAINED THAT JESUS SHOULD KNOW ALL LIFE'S STAGES: **INFANCY, CHILDHOOD, YOUTH**, THAT HE SHOULD BE LIKE US IN EVERYTHING, **EXCEPT SIN.**

OUR LORD KNEW THE FRAILTY OF BABYHOOD. HE HAD TO BE NURSED AND CARRIED ABOUT IN MARY'S ARMS, TO WATCH WITH WONDERING EYES THE WORLD UNFADING TO HIS GROWING INTELLIGENCE. THERE IS NO STAGE OF GROWTH THAT JESUS HAS NOT SANCTIFIED FOR US BY LIVING IT HIMSELF. AND CHILDHOOD SEEMS TO HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART.

FOR AS A GROWN MAN, IT WAS A CHILD WHOM HE TOOK IN HIS ARMS TO HOLD UP AS A MODEL FOR HIS DISCIPLES. "**WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?**" THEY HAD ASKED HIM. CHRIST'S ANSWER WAS: "**I TELL YOU, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER GET INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AT ALL! ANYONE, THEREFORE, WHO IS AS UNASSUMING AS THIS CHILD IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**" (MT. 18, 1-5). THIS TEACHING SHOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD.

JESUS IS NOT COMMENDING CHILDISHNESS, TIMIDITY, OR LACK OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

THE INFANT OF PRAGUE IS PICTURED WEARING A CROWN, WITH A GLOBE IN ONE SMALL HAND, AND THIS IS NOT WITHOUT MEANING. "**THE GOVERNMENT IS ON HIS SHOULDER,**" WE SING IN THE INTROIT OF THE THIRD MASS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY. THE CHILD OF BETHLEHEM WAS BORN WITH A MISSION OF SALVATION.

BEING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST DEMANDS COURAGE, DECISIVE ACTION, MATURITY. BUT COUPLED WITH THESE MUST **ALWAYS BE HUMILITY, CANDOR, CONFIDENCE**—THOSE VIRTUES OF CHILDHOOD. IT IS THESE VIRTUES THAT JESUS IS RECOMMENDING.

LOVE FOR OUR INFANT SAVIOR **TEACHES US TO ACCEPT** -- AS HE DID -- OUR **LITTLENESS**, OUR **POVERTY** AS CREATURES. IT TEACHES US, AS ST. PAUL WAS TAUGHT, THAT "**MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN INFIRMITY**" (2 COR. 12, 9). THIS DEVOTION SHOWS US THAT GOD'S POWER IS ATTRACTED BY OUR VERY WEAKNESS, FOR WHEN DEALING WITH OUR HUMAN FRAILTY, GOD'S POWER IS MERCY. THE PROUD AND ARROGANT, GOD SCATTERS, "**HE HAS PUT DOWN THE MIGHTY FROM THEIR THRONES,**" AS OUR LADY SANG IN HER MAGNIFICAT. BUT THE LITTLE AND HUMBLE HE LOVES. "**HE HAS EXALTED THE LOWLY**" (LK. 1, 52).

THIS DEVOTION TO THE CHRIST CHILD ALSO TEACHES US A **DARING CONFIDENCE** IN OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. HE SHOWS HIS POWER MOST OF ALL, AS THE COLLECT PRAYER FOR THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REMINDS US BY PARDONING AND GRANTING MERCY.

IT IS FROM HIS SON THAT WE LEARN HOW MUCH OUR FATHER YEARNs TO SHOW US **HIS LOVE** AND HEAR OUR PRAYERS. "**IF ONE OF YOU ASKS HIS FATHER FOR A LOAF, WILL HE HAND HIM A STONE, OR FOR A FISH, WILL HE HAND HIM A SERPENT, OR IF HE ASKS FOR AN EGG, WILL HE HAND HIM A SCORPION?**" THEREFORE, IF YOU, EVIL AS YOU ARE, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE." (LK. 11, 11-13).

DEVOTION TO THE IMAGE IS ACTUALLY A DEVOTION TO THE CHILD JESUS. IT IS **NOT** IDOLATRY, STATUE-WORSHIP, OR ANY OTHER SLANDER. THIS IS JUST A POPULAR IMAGE, A WAY TO VISUALIZE CHRIST AND BRING A CONCRETE FORM TO SOMEONE WHO, FOR MANY PEOPLE, NEEDS TO BE VISUALIZED TO BE ADDRESSED.

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PRAYER ON ARRIVAL

O LORD, WE ARE HAPPY AND HONORED BY YOUR VISIT IN OUR HOME WHICH YOU MADE WORTHY TO BE THE ABODE OF YOUR LOVE. IN SEVEN DAYS OF YOUR STAY WITH US, GIVE US O LORD YOUR BLESSINGS. BLESS US ALL AND NEVER ALLOW US TO COMMIT ANYTHING THAT WILL GIVE YOU SORROW. WE ARE YOURS, TAKE CARE OF US ALL AS YOUR OWN, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

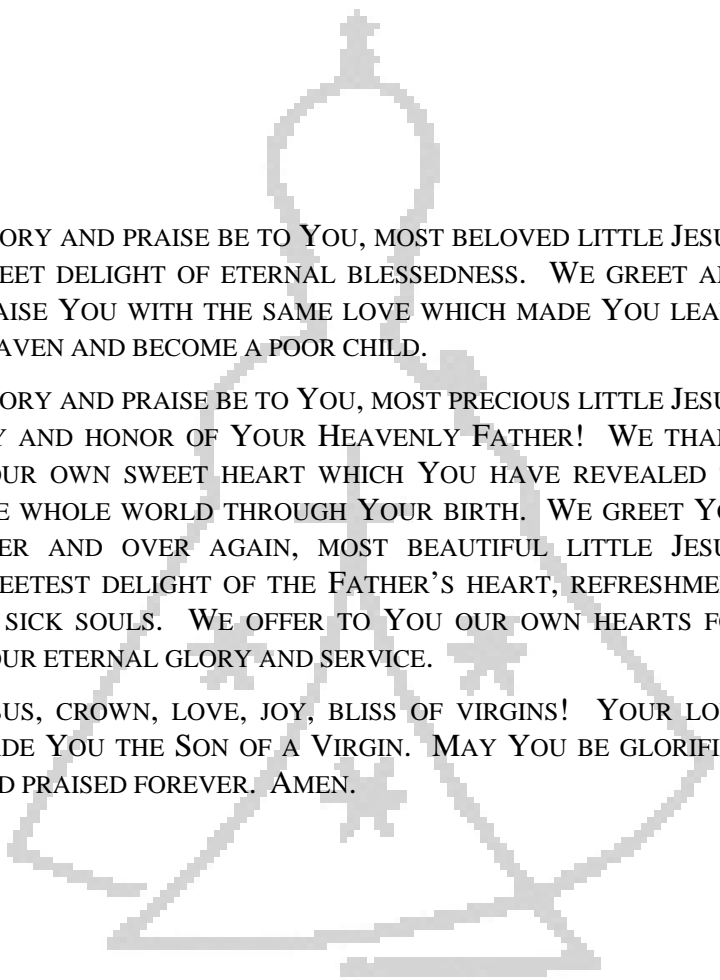
HAIL, MOST LOVING JESUS, SWEETEST LOVE, FAR ABOVE ALL CREATED LOVE! WE GREET YOU, AND IN THE DESIRE OF ALL CHRISTENDOM, WE EMBRACE YOU.

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, WATCHFUL SHEPHERD OF THE HEAVENLY SHEEP, BELOVED FELLOW, BROTHER OF ALL THE 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 TO YOU, TENDER, SWEET LITTLE JESUS! FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS, WE PRAY AND ADORE YOU BECAUSE FOR THE LOVE OF US AND ALL MANKIND, YOU WERE WILLING TO LIE IN A MANGER AND TO SUFFER SUCH GREAT POVERTY AND MISERY. WE THANK YOU AND ADORE YOUR TENDER LIMBS AND YOUR TENDER HANDS AND FEET AND WE PRAISE THE INEXPRESSIBLE LOVE WHICH DREW YOU FORTH FROM THE BOSOM OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER, DOWN TO A POOR AND MISERABLE STABLE.

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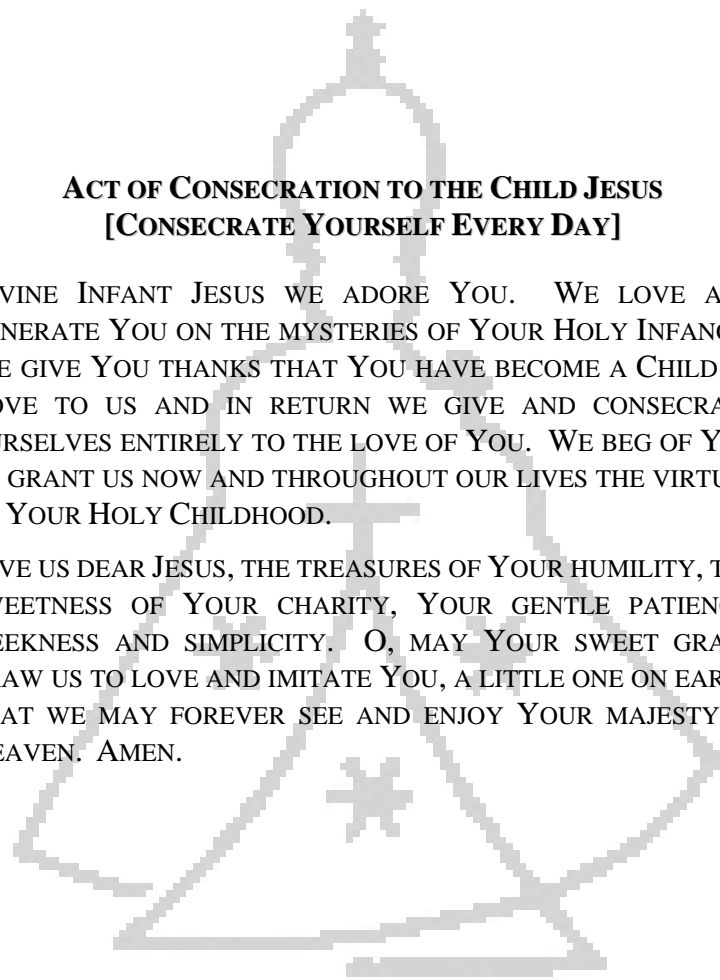


GLORY AND PRAISE BE TO YOU, MOST BELOVED LITTLE JESUS, SWEET DELIGHT OF ETERNAL BLESSEDNESS. WE GREET AND PRAISE YOU WITH THE SAME LOVE WHICH MADE YOU LEAVE HEAVEN AND BECOME A POOR CHILD.

GLORY AND PRAISE BE TO YOU, MOST PRECIOUS LITTLE JESUS, JOY AND HONOR OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER! WE THANK YOUR OWN SWEET HEART WHICH YOU HAVE REVEALED TO THE WHOLE WORLD THROUGH YOUR BIRTH. WE GREET YOU OVER AND OVER AGAIN, MOST BEAUTIFUL LITTLE JESUS, SWEETEST DELIGHT OF THE FATHER'S HEART, REFRESHMENT OF SICK SOULS. WE OFFER TO YOU OUR OWN HEARTS 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.

**ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE CHILD JESUS
[CONSECRATE YOURSELF EVERY DAY]**



DIVINE INFANT JESUS WE ADORE YOU. WE LOVE AND VENERATE YOU ON THE MYSTERIES OF YOUR HOLY INFANCY. WE GIVE YOU THANKS THAT YOU HAVE BECOME A CHILD OF LOVE TO US AND IN RETURN WE GIVE AND CONSECRATE OURSELVES ENTIRELY TO THE LOVE OF YOU. WE BEG OF YOU TO GRANT US NOW AND THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES THE VIRTUES OF YOUR HOLY CHILDHOOD.

GIVE US DEAR JESUS, THE TREASURES OF YOUR HUMILITY, THE SWEETNESS OF YOUR CHARITY, YOUR GENTLE PATIENCE, MEEKNESS AND SIMPLICITY. O, MAY YOUR SWEET GRACE DRAW US TO LOVE AND IMITATE YOU, A LITTLE ONE ON EARTH THAT WE MAY FOREVER SEE AND ENJOY YOUR MAJESTY IN HEAVEN. AMEN.

PRAYER BY FATHER F. CYRIL, OCD

JESUS, YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A CHILD, AND I'M COMING TO YOU FULL OF TRUST. I BELIEVE THAT YOUR ATTENTIVE LOVE FORESTALLS ALL MY NEEDS. EVEN FOR THE INTERCESSION OF YOUR HOLY MOTHER, YOU CAN MEET MY NECESSITIES, SPIRITUAL AS WELL AS MATERIAL, IF I PRAY ACCORDING TO YOUR HOLY WILL. I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART, ALL MY STRENGTH.

I BEG YOUR PARDON, IF MY WEAKNESS MAKES ME SIN. I REPEAT WITH THE GOSPEL "*LORD, IF YOU WANT YOU CAN HEAL ME.*" I LEAVE YOU TO DECIDE HOW AND WHEN. I AM READY TO ACCEPT SUFFERING, IF THIS IS YOUR WILL, BUT HELP ME NOT TO BECOME HARDENED TO IT, RATHER TO BEAR FRUIT. HELP ME TO BE A FAITHFUL SERVANT AND FOR YOUR SAKE, HOLY CHILD, TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF. ALMIGHTY CHILD, UNCEASINGLY I PRAY YOU TO SUPPORT ME IN MY NECESSITIES OF THE PRESENT MOMENT.

GRANT ME THE GRACE TO REMAIN IN YOU, TO POSSESS YOU ENTIRELY, WITH YOUR PARENTS, MARY AND JOSEPH, IN THE ETERNAL PRAISE OF YOUR HEAVENLY SERVANTS. AMEN.

NOVENA TO THE CHILD JESUS

FIRST DAY

O! SWEET CHILD JESUS, HERE AT YOUR FEET IS A SOUL THAT, CONSCIOUS OF ITS NOTHINGNESS, TURNS TO YOU, WHO ARE ALL. I HAVE SO MUCH NEED OF YOUR HELP. LOOK ON ME, O! JESUS, WITH LOVE AND SINCE YOU ARE ALL POWERFUL, HELP ME IN MY POVERTY.

OUR FATHER ...

HAIL MARY...

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

BY YOUR DIVINE INFANCY, O! JESUS, GRANT ME THE GRACE THAT I NOW ASK (EXPRESS IT) IF IT IS ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL AND FOR MY TRUE GOOD. DO NOT LOOK UPON MY UNWORTHINESS, BUT RATHER ON MY FAITH AND SHOW ME YOUR INFINITE MERCY.

CHAPLET OF THE CHILD JESUS

JESUS HIMSELF DEIGNED TO REVEAL THIS LITTLE ROSARY TO THE VENERABLE MARGARET OF THE SACRED HEART, A DISCALCED CARMELITE NUN WHO DIED ON 26TH MAY 1648 IN THE CARMEL OF BEAUNE IN FRANCE, ASKING HER TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO THE FAIHTFUL, AND PROMISING MOST SPECIAL FAVOURS TO ALL WHO RECITE IT IN MEMORY OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE DIVINE INFANCY.

PRAY:

1. **THREE TIMES: "AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH...
OUR FATHER..."**
2. **ONCE: "AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND
DWELT AMONG US"**
3. **TWELVE TIMES: "HAIL MARY..."**
4. **ONCE: "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER..."**
5. **ON THE MEDAL:
DIVINE INFANT JESUS,
I ADORE THY CROSS,
AND I ACCEPT ALL THE CROSSES
THOU WILT BE PLEASED TO SEND ME.
ADORABLE TRINITY, I OFFER THEE
FOR THE GLORY OF THE HOLY NAME OF GOD
ALL THE ADORATIONS OF THE SACRED HEART
OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS.**

[THE THREE "OUR FATHERS" ARE IN HONOR OF THE
THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY.
THE TWELVE "HAIL MARYS"
ARE IN MEMORY OF THE CHILDHOOD OF OUR LORD.]

LITANY OF THE CHILD JESUS

LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US
LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US
CHRIST, HEAR US
CHRIST, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.
GOD THE FATHER OF HEAVEN,

HAVE MERCY ON US

GOD, THE SON REDEEMER OF THE WORLD,
GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT,
MIRACULOUS CHILD JESUS,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, WHOSE LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDS,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, WHO CAME ON EARTH TO SHOW US THE
WAY TO THE FATHER,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, TRUE LIGHT OF THE WORLD,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, FONT OF ETERNAL LIFE,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, PATIENT AND LOVING,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, SOURCE OF PEACE AND CONSOLATION,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, HOPE OF ALL HUMANITY,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, BURNING FURNACE OF LOVE,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, LOVER OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, DISPENSER OF ALL GRACES,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, TEACHER OF ALL VIRTUES,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, KING OF ALL HEARTS,
DIVINE INFANT JESUS, DIVINE WONDER WORKER.
BE MERCIFUL, SPARE US O LORD
BE MERCIFUL, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US O LORD

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FROM ALL SIN,

O JESUS DELIVER US

FROM A SUDDEN DEATH,
FROM LIGHTNING AND STORMS,
FROM FLOODS AND PLAGUES,
FROM LOSS OF FAITH IN YOU,
FROM EVERLASTING HELL FIRE,
THROUGH YOUR BIRTH,
THROUGH YOUR PASSION,
THROUGH YOUR DEATH,
THROUGH YOUR RESURRECTION,
THROUGH YOUR ASCENSION,
THROUGH YOUR INFINITE LOVE,

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
SPARE US O LORD

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
GRACIOUSLY HEAR US O LORD

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

JESUS, HEAR US JESUS, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

OUR FATHER . . .
HAIL MARY . . .
GLORY BE . . .

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LET US PRAY:

**PRAYER TO THE CHILD JESUS
RECITED EVERY EVENING
IN THE SANCTUARY OF ARENZANO**

O HOLY CHILD JESUS, WHO SHED YOUR BLESSINGS ON WHOEVER INVOKES YOUR NAME, LOOK KINDLY ON US WHO KNEEL HUMBLY BEFORE YOUR HOLY IMAGE, AND HEAR OUR PRAYERS. WE COMMEND TO YOUR MERCY THE MANY POOR AND NEEDY PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN YOUR DIVINE HEART.

LAY YOUR ALL POWERFUL HAND UPON THEM AND HELP THEM IN THEIR NEEDS. LAY YOUR HAND UPON THE SICK, TO CURE THEM AND SANCTIFY THEIR SUFFERING; UPON THOSE IN DISTRESS, TO CONSOLE THEM; UPON SINNERS, TO DRAW THEM INTO THE LIGHT OF YOUR DIVINE GRACE; UPON ALL THOSE THOUGH STRICKEN WITH GRIEF AND SUFFERING, TURN TRUSTINGLY TO YOU FOR LOVING HELP.

LAY YOUR HAND ALSO UPON ALL OF US AND GIVE US YOUR BLESSING. O LITTLE KING, GRANT THE TREASURES OF YOUR DIVINE MERCY TO ALL THE WORLD, AND KEEP US NOW AND ALWAYS IN THE GRACE OF YOUR LOVE!



THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

FIRST: THE ANNUNCIATION

FOR THE INTENTION OF ALL LUKEWARM SOULS

SECOND: THE VISITATION

FOR THE INTENTION OF WORLD PEACE

THIRD: THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FOR THE INTENTION OF CHILDREN WHO GO ASTRAY

**FOURTH: THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS
IN THE TEMPLE**

*FOR THE INTENTION OF PARENTS
WHO DO NOT CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN*

FIFTH: THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

FOR THE INTENTION OF ALL UNWANTED BABIES & CHILDREN

SECOND DAY

O SPLENDOR OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER, IN WHOSE FACE SHINES THE LIGHT OF THE DIVINITY, I ADORE YOU PROFOUNDLY AND I CONFESS YOU AS THE TRUE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. I OFFER YOU, O LORD, THE HUMBLE HOMAGE OF ALL MY BEING. GRANT THAT I MAY NEVER SEPARATE MYSELF FROM YOU, MY HIGHEST GOD.

OUR FATHER ...

HAIL MARY...

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

BY YOUR DIVINE INFANCY, O! JESUS, GRANT ME THE GRACE THAT I NOW ASK (EXPRESS IT) IF IT IS ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL AND FOR MY TRUE GOOD. DO NOT LOOK UPON MY UNWORTHINESS, BUT RATHER ON MY FAITH AND SHOW ME YOUR INFINITE MERCY.

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THIRD DAY

O HOLY CHILD JESUS, IN GAZING UPON YOUR COUNTENANCE, FROM WHICH COMES THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF SMILES, I FEEL MYSELF FILLED WITH A LIVELY TRUST. YES, I HOPE FOR ALL FROM YOUR GOODNESS. SHED, O JESUS, ON ME AND ON THOSE DEAR TO ME YOUR SMILE OF GRACE AND I WILL PRAISE YOUR INFINITE MERCY.

OUR FATHER ...
HAIL MARY...
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

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FOURTH DAY

O CHILD JESUS, WHOSE FOREHEAD IS ADORNED WITH A CROWN, I ACCEPT YOU AS MY ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGN. I DO NOT WISH TO SERVE ANY LONGER THE EVIL ONE, MY PASSIONS OR SIN. REIGN, O JESUS OVER THIS POOR HEART AND MAKE IT ALL YOURS FOREVER.

OUR FATHER ...
HAIL MARY...
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

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FIFTH DAY

I GAZE UPON YOU, O MOST SWEET REDEEMER, DRESSED IN A MANTLE OF PURPLE. IT IS YOUR ROYAL ATTIRE. HOW IT SPEAKS TO ME OF BLOOD! THAT BLOOD WHICH YOU HAVE SHED SOLELY ON MY ACCOUNT. GRANT, O CHILD JESUS THAT I MAY RESPOND TO YOUR GREAT SACRIFICE AND NOT REFUSE, WHEN YOU OFFER ME SOME DIFFICULTY, TO SUFFER WITH YOU AND FOR YOU!

OUR FATHER ...
HAIL MARY...
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

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SIXTH DAY

O MOST LOVABLE CHILD, IN CONTEMPLATING YOU AS YOU SUSTAIN THE WORLD, MY HEART FILLS WITH JOY. AMONG THE INNUMERABLE BEINGS THAT YOU SUSTAIN I ALSO AM ONE. YOU LOOK ON ME, UPHOLD ME AT EVERY INSTANT AND GUARD ME AS YOUR OWN. LOOK AFTER, O JESUS, THIS HUMBLE BEING AND HELP IT IN ITS MANY NECESSITIES.

OUR FATHER ...
HAIL MARY...
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SEVENTH DAY

ON YOUR BREAST, O CHILD JESUS, SHINES A CROSS. IT IS THE STANDARD OF OUR REDEMPTION. I ALSO, O DIVINE SAVIOUR, HAVE MY CROSS, THAT, ALTHOUGH LIGHT, VERY OFTEN WEIGHS ME DOWN. HELP ME TO BEAR IT AND MAY THE CARRYING OF IT BE FRUITFUL. YOU WELL KNOW WEAK AND WORTHLESS I AM.

OUR FATHER ...
HAIL MARY...
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

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EIGHTH DAY

TOGETHER WITH THE CROSS, I SEE ON YOUR BREAST, O CHILD JESUS, A LITTLE GOLDEN HEART. IT IS THE IMAGE OF YOUR HEART, WHICH IS TRULY GOLDEN ON ACCOUNT OF ITS INFINITE TENDERNESS. YOU ARE THE TRUE FRIEND THAT GENEROUSLY GIVES HIMSELF, EVEN IMMOLATES HIMSELF, FOR THE ONE HE LOVES. CONTINUE TO POUR OUT ON ME, O JESUS, THE ENTHUSIASM WHICH YOUR LOVE INSPIRES AND TEACH ME TO RESPOND ALWAYS TO YOUR GREAT LOVE!

OUR FATHER ...
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NINTH DAY

HOW MANY BLESSINGS, O LITTLE CHILD HAS YOUR ALMIGHTY RIGHT HAND POURED OUT ON THOSE WHO HONOR YOU AND CALL UPON YOU. BLESS ME ALSO, O CHILD JESUS, MY SOUL, MY BODY AND MY INTERESTS. BLESS AND HELP ME IN MY NECESSITIES, AND GRANT ME WHAT I NOW DESIRE. LISTEN WITH COMPASSION TO MY PRAYERS AND I WILL BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME EVERY DAY.

OUR FATHER ...

HAIL MARY...

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

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PRAYER BEFORE THE CHILD JESUS LEAVES

BLESSED INFANT JESUS, MY DEVOTION IS NOW DRAWING TO A CLOSE. I KNOW THAT NONE OF THE PRAYERS I HAVE SAID TO YOU HERE WILL REMAIN UNANSWERED. IF I WILL NOT RECEIVE THE FAVORS THAT I HAVE ASKED FOR, I KNOW THAT THE BLESSINGS THAT I WILL BE GRANTED ARE THE VERY GRACES MY SOUL NEEDS MOST. I WANT TO THANK YOU, INFANT JESUS FOR ALL THE BENEFIT WITH WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWERED ME DURING THIS TIME. I THANK YOU FOR THE GRACES OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND COURAGE WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU. GRANT I MAY USE THESE GRACES TO CONTINUE TO BRING MYSELF AND MY LOVED ONES CLOSER TO YOU.

I WISH TO PLACE MYSELF ONCE AGAIN IN YOUR PROTECTION. I PLACE IN YOUR HANDS FOR THE LAST TIME THE NECESSITIES OF MY BODY AND OF MY SOUL. WATCH OVER ME, MY FAMILY, ALL THOSE I LOVE DEARLY AND DEAR JESUS, WATCH OVER ALL THOSE HERE PRESENT AND OVER ALL GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE YOUR CHURCH. AMEN.

A MORNING OFFERING TO THE HOLY CHILD

O DEAR SWEET INFANT JESUS, I OFFER YOU MY WILL, THAT YOU STRENGTHEN IT, MY MIND THAT YOU INSPIRE IT; MY MEMORY THAT YOU FILL IT; MY WISHES AND DESIRES, THAT YOU CLEANSE THEM, I SACRIFICE TO YOU; MY INTENTIONS THAT YOU GUIDE THEM, ALL MY INNER AND OUTER ACTIVITIES, THAT YOU MAKE THEM SACRED. ALL I AM AND ALL I HAVE IS YOURS. YOUR LOVE FOR ME IS MY HOPE AND TRUST. HEAR ME AND GRANT THAT I MAY NEVER LEAVE YOU. AMEN.

O INFANT JESUS, I FORM THE BELIEF THAT I SHALL BE GRANTED FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND PLACE IT INTO THE HANDS OF YOUR MOST HOLY MOTHER MARY; I COMMEND MYSELF TO ALL AND EVERY HOLY MASS THAT IS CELEBRATED THIS DAY ALL OVER THE GLOBE, AND I OFFER ALL THIS ON BEHALF OF THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY.

[RESOLVE TO FIGHT YOUR GREATEST EVIL TODAY AND TO PERFORM SEVERAL ACTS OF THE OPPOSITE VIRTUE BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE FOR THE HOLY CHILD JESUS!]

PRAYER REVEALED BY OUR LADY

(TO THE VENERABLE FATHER F. CYRIL. OCD)

O INFANT JESUS, I HAVE RECOURSE TO YOU AND ASK YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF YOUR HOLY MOTHER TO HELP ME IN MY NEED, (YOU CAN MENTION IT HERE) FOR I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT YOUR DIVINITY CAN HELP ME. I HOPE, IN COMPLETE TRUST, TO OBTAIN YOUR HOLY GRACE. I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH OF MY SOUL. I AM TRULY SORRY FOR ALL MY SINS, AND BEG YOU, O GOOD JESUS, TO GIVE ME STRENGTH TO CONQUER THEM. I SHALL NEVER OFFEND YOU AND I AM READY TO SUFFER RATHER THAN TO CAUSE YOU PAIN. FROM NOW ON I WANT TO SERVE WITH COMPLETE FAITHFULNESS AND FOR LOVE OF YOU, O DIVINE CHILD, I WILL LOVE MY NIEGHBOR AS WELL AS MYSELF. OMNIPOTENT CHILD, LORD JESUS, AGAIN I IMPLORE YOU, HELP ME IN THIS NEED OF MINE (MENTION IT). GRANT ME THE GRACE OF POSSESSING YOU ETERNALLY, WITH MARY AND JOSEPH AND OF ADORING YOU WITH THE HOLY ANGELS IN YOUR HEAVENLY COURT. AMEN.

PRAYER TO BE SAID BY A SICK PERSON

O MERCIFUL INFANT JESUS! I KNOW OF YOUR MIRACULOUS DEEDS FOR THE SICK. HOW MANY DISEASES YOU CURED DURING YOUR BLESSED LIFE ON EARTH, AND HOW MANY VENERATORS OF YOUR MIRACULOUS IMAGE ASCRIBE TO YOU THEIR RECOVERY AND DELIVERANCE FROM THE MOST PAINFUL AND HOPELESS MALADIES.

I KNOW, INDEED, THAT A SINNER LIKE ME HAS MERITED HIS SUFFERINGS AND HAS NO RIGHT TO ASK FOR FAVORS. BUT IN VIEW OF THE INNUMERABLE GRACES AND THE MIRACULOUS CURES GRANTED EVEN TO THE GREATEST SINNERS THROUGH THE VENERATION OF YOUR HOLY INFANCY, PARTICULARLY IN THE MIRACULOUS STATUE OF PRAGUE OR IN REPRESENTATIONS OF IT, I EXCLAIM WITH THE GREATEST ASSURANCE:

O MOST LOVING, MOST PITIFUL INFANT JESUS, YOU CAN CURE ME IF YOU WILL! DO NOT HESITATE, O HEAVENLY PHYSICIAN, IF IT BE YOUR WILL THAT I RECOVER FROM THIS PRESENT ILLNESS; EXTEND YOUR MOST HOLY HANDS, AND BY YOUR POWER TAKE AWAY ALL PAIN AND INFIRMITY, SO THAT MY RECOVERY MAY BE DUE, NOT TO NATURAL REMEDIES, BUT TO YOU ALONE.

IF, HOWEVER, YOU IN YOUR INSCRUTABLE WISDOM HAVE DETERMINED OTHERWISE, THEN AT LEAST RESTORE MY SOUL TO PERFECT HEALTH, FILL ME WITH HEAVENLY CONSOLATION AND BLESSING, THAT I MAY BE LIKE YOU, O JESUS, IN MY SUFFERINGS, AND MAY YOUR PROVIDENCE UNTIL YOU, AT THE DEATH OF MY BODY, BESTOW ON ME ETERNAL LIFE. AMEN.

THREE TIMES: "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER..."

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF A SICK PERSON

O HOLY CHILD JESUS, LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH, I BOW BEFORE YOU, UNWORTHY AND MISERABLE SINNER THAT I AM, TO IMPLORE YOU TO CURE (*NAME THE PERSON ON BEHALF OF WHOM YOU ARE ASKING THIS BLESSING*) WHO IS SO DEAR TO MY HEART. HE (SHE) IS IN GREAT SUFFERING, WRACKED WITH PAIN, AND CAN FIND NO RELIEF EXCEPT IN YOU, IN WHOM HE (SHE) PUTS HIS (HER) HOPE. RELIEVE HIM (HER) IN HIS (HER) AGONY, O HEAVENLY DOCTOR, FREE HIM (HER) FROM HIS (HER) SUFFERING AND GIVE HIM (HER) PERFECT HEALTH, IF THAT BE YOUR DIVINE WILL AND FOR THE GOOD OF HIS (HER) SOUL. AMEN

**OUR FATHER...
HAIL MARY...
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...**

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON

AS THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON BEGINS, WE ASK THE LORD TO HELP US TO PREPARE OURSELVES BY OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO THE MANY GRACES THAT HE HAS SHOWERED UPON US DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES. AS WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES BOTH PRESENT AND IN GOD'S KINGDOM; WE CONFIDENTLY ASK FOR PEACE THAT IT MAY INFILTRATE OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS AND THE VERY FABRIC OF THIS WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.

WE ASK THAT HE DIRECT US TOWARD HOPE INSTEAD OF DESPAIR AND GIVE US A LIVELY APPRECIATION OF THE GOODNESS THAT SURROUNDS US. WE ALSO PRAY WITH FAITH THAT THE BLESSED MOTHER OF GOD WHO BY HER OBEDIENCE AND HUMILITY BROUGHT FORTH OUR SAVIOR INTO THIS WORLD, WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE US THROUGH HER INTERCESSION AND HELP US TO KNOW HER SON MORE INTIMATELY. WE INVITE THE FULL INTERCESSION OF THE HEAVENLY COURT THAT THEY MAY INSPIRE US AND HELP US IN OUR DAILY NEEDS.

FINALLY, WE CONTINUE TO ASK THE CHILD JESUS THAT HE CONTINUES TO EXTEND HIS ALMIGHTY HAND OVER A WORLD IN NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE AND TO OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THOSE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR HELP AND GENEROSITY. LET US BE INFUSED BY HIS MERCY, HIS KINDNESS, HIS WISDOM, HIS LIGHT. AMEN.