

Nativity Prayer

Please use the following prayer in front of your nativity scene at your home. Turn your "decoration" into a place of prayer and reflection.

O Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before Your crib, I believe You are the God of infinite Majesty, even though I see You here as a helpless babe. I humbly adore and thank You for having so humbled Yourself for my salvation as to will to be born in a manger. I thank You for all You did for me in Bethlehem, for Your poverty and humility, for Your nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings.

I desire to show You the tenderness which Your Virgin Mother had toward You. I hope to love You as she did. If only I could praise You with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before You with the faith of St. Joseph, and the simplicity of the shepherds.

Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib, I offer You the homage of my heart, and I beg that You would be born spiritually in my soul. Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of Your holy nativity. Fill me with that spirit of poverty and humility, which prompted You to assume the weakness of our human nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward, I may in all things seek Your greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will. I ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.