

the Divine Will our guide in life, that we may as willingly accept humiliating tasks as those that flatter our pride. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Seventh Day --The Flight into Egypt

“And behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother fly into Egypt” (Mt. 2:13).

Jesus, sweetest Child, whom wicked Herod sought to slay, whom Joseph carried with Mary into Egypt, who wast snatched from a cruel death and glorified by the blood of the Holy Innocents, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Divine Infant, we envy the lot of the Infant Martyrs of Bethlehem, whose privilege it was to shed their blood as a pure oblation to Thee, the Lamb without spot. Let us always remember the pain Herod caused Thee by their persecution and gladly suffer for love of Thee the trials and persecutions of men. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Eighth Day --The Hidden Life

“They returned into Galilee, to their city, Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in him” (Lk. 2:39-40).

Jesus, sweetest Child, who in the holy house of Nazareth didst remain subject to Mary and Joseph, didst dwell there most holily, wast wearied by poverty and labors, and didst advance in wisdom, age, and grace, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Divine Exemplar, from the inexhaustible treasure of Thy hidden life in Nazareth, we draw the pearls of perfect obedience, profound humility, and childlike simplicity, and beg thee to assist us in adorning our souls with these precious virtues, so that having imitated Thy Infancy we, too, may advance in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Ninth Day --The Finding of the Child Jesus

“And it came to pass that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions” (Lk. 2:46).

Jesus, sweetest Child, at the age of twelve brought to Jerusalem, sought for by Mary and Joseph with sorrow, and found with joy after three days amongst the doctors, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Jesus, our Saviour, Thy love for Thy most holy Mother and St. Joseph could not have been greater, and yet Thou didst not hesitate to inflict upon them the suffering of Thy absence. Thus wouldst Thou teach us that we cannot have Thy love without Thy cross, and that the price of Thy friendship is the pain of Thy apparent rebuff. Grant us light, O Lord, to understand Thy ways. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.



Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague

**December 26th
through
January 3rd**



V/. Incline unto my aid, O God
R/. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Prayer for Every Day

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, who dost reveal Thyself to little ones, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, duly honoring the holy mysteries of Thy Son, the Infant Jesus, and daily imitating Him in our lives, may come to the kingdom of heaven promised by Thee to little children. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

First Day - The Incarnation

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn. 1:14)

Jesus, sweetest Child, who didst come down from the bosom of the Fathr for our salvation, who wast conceived by the Holy Ghost, who didst take upon Thee the form of a servant, have mercy upon us.

Prayer

We adore thee, O Divine Infant, in the moment of Thy Incarnation and, overwhelmed by the thought of Thine exceeding great goodness, we humbly thank Thee for the generous love which prompted Thee to

to undertake our salvation. Assist us by Thy grace that we may be made partakers of Thy divine nature, who didst, with so great condescension, vouchsafe to become partaker of our human nature. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Second Day – The Sanctification of St. John the Baptist

“And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb” (Lk. 1:41).

Jesus, sweetest Child, who, through Thy Virgin Mother, didst visit St. Elizabeth, and fill Thy forerunner, the holy Baptist, with the Holy Ghost, sanctifying him whilst yet in his mother’s womb, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Infant God, all who approach Thee with simplicity feel the sanctifying influence of Thy presence and the warmth of Thy love. Grant to us, we beseech Thee through Thy Most Holy Mother, a tender remembrance of Thy Infancy so that we may experience more often the joy of Thy companionship and the strength of Thy virtue. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Third Day – The Nativity

“And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.” (Lk. 2:7).

Jesus, sweetest Child born in Bethlehem of Mary ever Virgin, wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in the manger, announced by angels, visited by shepherds, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Little King, attraction of all hearts, we hail that blessed hour and moment in which Thou wast born of the most pure Virgin Mary in the poverty of Bethlehem. Thou didst not need earthly pomp or riches, for they could add nothing to Thy Infinite Majesty. Teach us that true riches are within and that it is not what we have but what we are that counts. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Fourth Day --The Circumcision

“And after eight days were accomplished that the child should be circumcised, his name was called Jesus” (Lk. 2:21).

Jesus, sweetest Child, wounded in Thy Circumcision the eighth day, called by the glorious name of Jesus, and by Thy name and Thy Blood

foreshown as the Saviour of the world, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Jesus, Infant Saviour, thus early in Thy life didst Thou will to suffer and to spare Thyself no ignominy in testifying Thy love for us. We adore Thee in this first shedding of Thy Precious Blood, and we humbly beseech Thee, by the power of Thy holy name, to make us courageous in breaking with every sinful affection and every unlawful attachment. Amen. *Hail Mary*, and *Glory*.

Fifth Day --The Adoration of the Magi

“They (the wise men from the east) found the child with Mary his mother. And falling down they adored

him. And opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh” (Mt. 2:11).

Jesus, sweetest Child, made known to the three Magi by a star, adored in the arms of Thy Mother, presented with the mystic gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O Babe of Bethlehem, with the wise men we acknowledge Thee to be our Sovereign Lord. Our faith penetrates the disguise of Thy weakness, Thy humility and poverty, and we behold with great delight the new light of Thy glory. Permit us, O Little Lord, to open the treasury of our hearts before Thee, that we may offer Thee the gold of our love, the frankincense of our prayer, and the myrrh of our willing sacrifices in Thy service. Amen. *Hail Mary*,

Sixth Day --The Presentation

“And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord” (Lk. 2:22).

Jesus, sweetest Child, who wast presented in the Temple by Thy Virgin Mother, who wast embraced by Simeon, and revealed to Israel by Anna the prophetess, have mercy on us.

Prayer

O King of Love, by that perfect conformity to the will of Thy Father, which moved Thee to fulfill perfectly the prescriptions of the Jewish law in Thy Presentation in the Temple, help us to make