

Let us pray

O Divine Infant, we envy the lot of the infant martyrs of Bethlehem, who were privileged to shed their blood as a pure oblation to You, the Lamb without spot. Let us always remember the pain Herod caused You by this persecution and gladly suffer for love of You the trials and tribulations of this life. **Amen.** *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Eighth Day—The Hidden Life

“They returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.” Luke 2:39-40

Jesus, sweetest Child, who in the holy house at Nazareth remained subject to Mary and Joseph, lived there most holily, was wearied by poverty and labors, and grew in wisdom, age, and grace; **have mercy on us.**

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

Ninth Day—The Finding of the Child Jesus

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” Luke 2:46

Jesus, sweetest child, brought to Jerusalem at the age of twelve, sought by Mary and Joseph with sorrow, and found with joy after three days among the teachers; **have mercy on us.**

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O Jesus, our Savior, Your love for Your most holy Mother and Saint Joseph could not have been greater, and yet You did not hesitate to inflict upon them the suffering of Your absence. Thus would You teach us that we cannot have Your love without Your cross, and that the price of Your friendship is the pain of Your apparent rebuff. Grant us light, O Lord, to understand your ways. **Amen.** *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Novena to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague

Prayer for Every Day

V. God, come to my assistance.

R. **Lord, make haste to help me.** Glory be to the Father.

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, You reveal Yourself to little ones; grant that we, duly honoring the holy mysteries of Your Son, the Infant Jesus, and daily imitating Him in our lives, may come to the kingdom of heaven promised by You to little children. Through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Day—The Incarnation

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14

Jesus, sweetest Child, You came down from the bosom of the Father for our salvation, You were conceived by the Holy Spirit, You did not abhor the Virgin’s womb and, Word made flesh, took upon Yourself the form of a servant; **have mercy on us.**

Let us pray

We adore You, O Divine Infant, in the moment of your Incarnation and, overwhelmed by the thought of Your exceedingly great goodness, we humbly thank You for the generous love which prompted You to undertake our salvation. Assist us by Your grace that we may be made partakers of Your divine nature, who did, with so great condescension become a partaker of our human nature. **Amen.** *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Second Day—The Sanctification of St. John the Baptist

“When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb.” Luke 1:41

Jesus, sweetest Child, who through Your Virgin Mother, visited St. Elizabeth, and filled Your forerunner, the holy Baptist, with the Holy Spirit, sanctifying him while yet in his mother’s womb; **have mercy on us.**

Let us pray

O Infant God, all who approach You with simplicity feel the sanctifying

influence of Your presence and the warmth of Your love. Grant to us, through Your most holy Mother, a tender remembrance of Your Infancy so that we may experience more often the joy of Your companionship and the strength of Your virtue. **Amen.** *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Third Day—The Nativity

“She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.” Luke 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.**

Let us pray

O Little King, attraction of all hearts, we hail that blessed hour and moment in which You were born of the most pure Virgin Mary in the poverty of Bethlehem. You did not need earthly pomp or riches, for they could add nothing to Your 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. Glory be to the Father.*

Fourth Day—The Holy Name

“At the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” Luke 2:21

Jesus, sweetest Child, circumcised on the eighth day, called by the glorious Name of Jesus and by Your Name and Your Blood, revealed as the Savior of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Let us pray

O Jesus, Your Holy Name proclaimed, even from the moment of Your conception, your mission as Savior. Enkindle in our hearts a deep love and reverence for Your Holy Name, so that, filled with confidence in its saving power, we will be courageous in breaking with every sinful affection and unlawful attachment. **Amen.** *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Fifth Day—The Adoration of the Magi

“The wise men from the East saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down

and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

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

Let us pray

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

Amen. *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Sixth Day—The Presentation

“When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” Luke 2:22

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

Let us pray

O King of Love, by that perfect conformity to the will of Your Father, which moved You to fulfill the prescriptions of the Jewish law in Your Presentation in the Temple, help us to make the Divine Will our guide in life, that we may as willingly accept humiliating tasks as those that flatter our pride. **Amen.** *Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

Seventh Day—The Flight into Egypt

“An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.’” Matthew 2:13

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