

FAVORITE NOVENAS TO JESUS

**Arranged for Private Prayer
in Accord with the Liturgical Year
on the Feasts of Our Lord**



**With a Short Helpful Meditation
Before Each Novena**

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NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena Prayer

FATHER, all-powerful and ever-living God, I give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. When He humbled Himself to come among us as a Man, He fulfilled the plan You formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now I watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be mine, when Christ our Lord will come again in His glory.

His future coming was proclaimed by all the Prophets. The Virgin Mother bore Him in her womb with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was His herald and made Him known when at last He came.

In His love He has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth. When He comes, may He find me watching in prayer, my heart filled with wonder and praise.

In memory of the coming of our Lord and Savior, I beg You, Father, to grant me all the graces I need to be prepared for His coming to my soul on Christmas. I ask in particular this favor: *(Mention your request)*.

For the love Jesus, Your Son, has shown us in becoming Man to save us, I beg You to grant my prayer, if it be Your holy Will.



—CHRISTMAS SEASON—

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

MEDITATION

THE mystery of our salvation is to be honored during the Christmas Season, but not as something that happened two thousand years ago—rather as something present. While the act of Christ's birth and manifestation is past, its effects are present. The hidden reality in this mystery is Christ and His saving action. He is present in the mystery of Christmas-Epiphany, constantly interceding for us and communicating Himself in holy symbols.

After the time of waiting in Advent, we enjoy a fuller realization of Christ's presence among us. We should meditate on and celebrate the Christmas mystery as happening now to us and embrace its spiritual effects with an open heart. In the Word made flesh, we see that God is no stranger to the human condition; in the Infant born in a stable to simple working people, we come to understand that God Who is infinitely great is also one of us.

NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena Prayer

HEAVENLY Father, You made Christmas night radiant with the splendor of Jesus Christ our light. I welcome Him as Lord, the true light of the world. Bring me to the joy of His heavenly kingdom.

We are filled with the new light by the coming of Your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in my words and actions.

Lord God, I praise You for creating man, and still more for restoring Him in Christ. Your Son shares our weakness: may I share His glory. Make me faithful to Your Word, that I may bring Your life to others. He made me Your child. May He welcome me into His Kingdom.

God of power and life, glory of all who believe in You, fill the world with Your splendor and show the nations the light of Your truth. May the simple beauty of Jesus' birth summon us always to love what is most deeply human and to see Your Word made flesh reflected in those whose lives we touch.

Father, in the wonder of the Incarnation Your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith a new and radiant vision of Your glory. In Him we see You, our God, made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

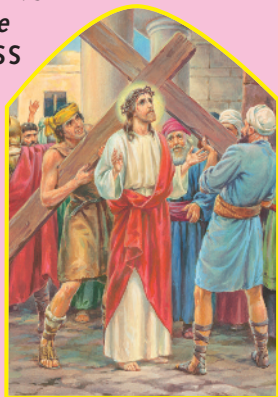
At Christmas You fill our hearts with joy as we recognize in Christ the revelation of Your love. No eye can see His glory as our God, yet

STATIONS of the CROSS



1. Jesus Is Condemned to Death

O Jesus, help me to appreciate
Your sanctifying grace more and
more.



2. Jesus Bears His Cross

O Jesus, You chose to die for me.
Help me to love You always with
all my heart.



3. Jesus Falls the First Time

O Jesus, make me strong to con-
quer my wicked passions, and to
rise quickly from sin.



4. Jesus Meets His Mother

O Jesus, grant me a tender
love for Your Mother, who offered
You for love of me.