

The Christmas Novena

DECEMBER 16, 2025 - DECEMBER 24, 2025





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Nine Days of Scripture and Prayers to
prepare and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas

DAY ONE - DECEMBER 16

Promise of the Savior

Opening Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus. As we prepare our hearts for Your birth, help us to welcome You with faith, hope, and love. May this novena draw us closer to the mystery of Your Incarnation and fill our homes and community with Your peace. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 7: 14-16

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

Prayer:

Lord God, You promised a Savior to Your people. As we begin this novena, strengthen our faith in Your promises. Help us trust that You are always at work, even when we do not fully understand Your plan. Amen.

Anticipation Prayer:

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Closing Prayer:

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DAY TWO - DECEMBER 17

Wisdom from on High

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Scripture: Isaiah 11: 2-4

"The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth."

Prayer:

O Wisdom of God, guide our thoughts and actions during this holy season. Teach us to choose what is right and good, and to live according to Your truth. Amen

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An illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is kneeling in a red robe, tending to the infant Jesus in a manger. Joseph stands behind the manger, holding a staff. A donkey is visible to the right. The scene is set under a simple wooden stable structure with a thatched roof. The background is a dark blue night sky with several yellow stars, including a prominent bright star at the top left.

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DAY THREE - DECEMBER 18

Faith of Mary

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Scripture: Luke 1: 30-38

"Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God For with God nothing will be impossible. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'"

Prayer:

Lord, through the humble yes of Mary, You entered the world. Help us to trust You as she did, to say yes to Your will, and to serve You with open and willing hearts. Amen.

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DAY FOUR - DECEMBER 19

Faithfulness of Joseph

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Scripture: Matthew 1: 19-21

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make an example of her, was minded to hide her in secret. While he thought these things, behold an angel appeared to him in a dream, saying "Joseph, Son of David, Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit, and she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call Him JESUS, and He will save His people from their sins."

Prayer:

God of mercy, You entrusted Joseph with the care of Mary and Jesus. Grant us courage to follow Your guidance, even when the path is uncertain. Help us to protect and care for those You place in our lives. Amen.

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DAY FIVE - DECEMBER 20

Joyful Expectation

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Scripture: Luke 1: 45-49

Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name."

Prayer:

Lord, fill our hearts with joyful expectation as Christmas draws near. May we rejoice not only in celebration, but in the knowledge that You come to save and renew us. Amen.

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DAY SIX - DECEMBER 21

Light in the Darkness

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Scripture: John 1: 2-7

He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

Prayer:

Jesus, Light of the World, shine into the darkness of our lives. Bring hope where there is despair, healing where there is pain, and peace where there is fear. Amen.

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DAY SEVEN - DECEMBER 22

God With Us

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Scripture: Matthew 1: 23-25

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Prayer:

Emmanuel, You chose to dwell among us. Help us to recognize Your presence in our daily lives, in our neighbors, and in those most in need. Amen.

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DAY EIGHT - DECEMBER 23

Peace on Earth

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Scripture: Isaiah 9: 5-7

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

Prayer:

Prince of Peace, calm our hearts and our world. Teach us to be instruments of Your peace in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Amen.

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DAY NINE - DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve: The Birth of Christ

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Scripture: Luke 2: 9-12

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate Your holy birth, fill us with gratitude and love. May we carry the joy of Christmas into every day of the coming year, sharing Your light with the world. Amen.

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