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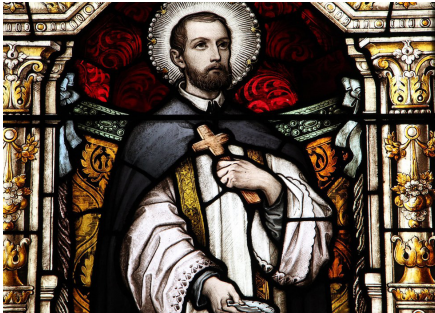


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## DECEMBER PRAYERS - JESUS IS BORN!

### December 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Francis Xavier

#### Prayer To St. Francis Xavier



O devoted Servant of God, Saint Francis Xavier, your heart was burning with love for Jesus. Impelled by his love, you went from country to country and spent yourself unto death to

proclaim the name of Jesus and the good news of salvation. That is why the Father filled you with glory in heaven and preserved your body from corruption here on Earth. Filled with joy for these unique gifts, we join you in praising the Father.

And Now we ask your intercession for ourselves. (Each one makes one's intention silently) We ask you to obtain for us the fulfilment of these desires if they are pleasing to the Father. And for everything together with you we praise the Father, through Jesus in the Spirit. Amen.

### December 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Nicholas



A Prayer for Children God, we pray that through the intercessions of St. Nicholas you will guide and protect our children. Keep them safe from all harm and help them grow to become loving disciples of Jesus in your sight. Give them strength to always mature into deeper faith in you, and to keep alive joy in your creation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer to Saint Nicholas



Saint Nicholas, faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, example of Christian love, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, helper of the poor and needy, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, champion of orphans and widows, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, protector of those who sail at sea, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, defender of the true faith, pray for us.

Saint Nicholas, patron of children around the world, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, secret giver of gifts, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, the great wonderworker, pray for us.  
Saint Nicholas, our friend in Heaven, pray for us.  
Amen.

### December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception



O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. (state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.  
Amen.





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## December 9<sup>th</sup> Prayer to Saint Juan Diego



O St. Juan Diego, in appearances of Our Lady of Guadalupe, you, a humble peasant, were chosen as Her messenger. Your faithfulness in this task is evident still today, in the miraculous image the Virgin left upon your tilma. Intercede for me, I pray, that I might have your childlike trust in the Mother of God, and that my heart might respond to her maternal promptings. Through such simple confidence, obedience, and love,

may I join you one day in sharing everlasting joy, where our heavenly Mother reigns in the glory of Her Son. Amen

## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the Protection from Coronavirus



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## December 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair Love, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children.

Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall help us to rise again and return to Him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the Sacrament of penance, which gives peace to the soul.

We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth. Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all others true joy and peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

- (Pope John Paul II.)

## December 13<sup>th</sup> Saint Lucy

### Prayer to Saint Lucy



Saint Lucy Whose beautiful name signifies 'LIGHT' by the light of faith which God bestowed upon you increase and preserve His light in my soul so that I may avoid evil, Be zealous in the performance of good works and abhor nothing so much as the blindness and

the darkness of evil and sin.

Obtain for me, by your intercession with God

Perfect vision for my bodily eyes and the grace to use them for God's greater honour and glory and the salvation of souls. St. Lucy, virgin and martyr hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. Amen.



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## December 14<sup>th</sup> Saint John of the Cross

### Saint John of the Cross Prayer



O abyss of delights! You are so much the more abundant the more Your riches are concentrated in the infinite unity and simplicity of Your unique being, where one attribute is so known and enjoyed as not to hinder the perfect knowledge and enjoyment of the other; rather, each grace and virtue within You are a light for each of Your other grandeurs. By Your purity, O divine Wisdom, many things are beheld in You through one. For You are the deposit of the Father's treasures, the splendor of the eternal light, the unspotted mirror and image of His goodness.

Awaken and enlighten us, my Lord, that we might know and love the blessings which You ever propose to us, and that we might understand that You have moved to bestow favors on us and have remembered us.

## December 17<sup>th</sup> Saint Hildegard of Bingen

### Prayers for St. Hildegard's Intercession



Prayer to St. Hildegard  
Father, Source of Life, you have bestowed on St Hildegard of Bingen many excellent graces. Help us to follow her example of meditating on your ineffable Majesty and to follow you so that we, amidst the darkness of this world, recognise the Light of your clarity to cling to you without fail. Through our Lord

Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Prayer to St. Hildegard



O Lord, you were generous with your gifts of grace to the virgin Hildegard. By following closely her example and teaching, may we pass from the darkness of this life into your marvelous light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## December 25<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Lord

### Prayers at the Nativity Scene Begin by reading from the Gospel of Luke 2:1-8.



#### Prayer Before the Manger Scene:

God our Heavenly Father, from the moment of creation you have never ceased showing your love for us. Even when we turned away from you, you did not abandon us to the darkness of sin and death. Indeed, it was when our need was greatest that you sent us a Redeemer—your Son, Jesus—to be born of the Virgin Mary. Bless us as we look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our minds to contemplate the awesome mystery of God-made-flesh. Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Prayer At Christmas



Thank You, Father, that Your times and seasons are pre-ordained and that You sent Your only begotten Son to be born of a woman, so that at the appointed hour He could be made sin for our sins, and in so

doing become the propitiation for the sins of all mankind.

Thank You, that in the eternal council chambers of the almighty Godhead, You devised a perfect plan that would save mankind from eternal separation from You, which required that the eternal Son of the Father became flesh and was conceived and born of a virgin.

Lord, we rejoice at the Christmas story and all the wondrous glory that we see unfolded in the manger scene in the little town of Bethlehem, and in the fields, while shepherds watched their flocks by night. We glory at the good news of great joy that was proclaimed by the angel of the Lord, and we are amazed to behold a heavenly choir of angelic beings singing, "glory to God in the highest." We praise Your name for the visit of the wise men from the east and we grieve at the satanic atrocity that was perpetrated by king Herod on innocent children.

But most of all, we humbly kneel before Your throne of grace when we understand that the baby lying in a manger must one day be crucified to the cruel cross, so that our sins could be forgiven. Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be born so that He could die for our sins. In His name we pray, Amen.





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## December 26<sup>th</sup> Saint Stephen

### Prayer to Saint Stephen, the First Martyr



O glorious St. Stephen,  
first Martyr for the Faith,  
filled with compassion for  
those who invoke you, with  
love for those who suffer,  
heavily laden with the  
weight of my troubles.  
I kneel at your feet and  
humbly beg you to take  
my present need under  
your special protection ...  
(mention here). Vouch  
safe to recommend it to  
our Lord Jesus. Cease not

to intercede for me until my request is granted.

Above all, obtain for me the grace to one day meet God face  
to face, and with you and Mary and all the angels and saints  
praise Him through all eternity.

O most powerful Saint Stephen, Deacon and martyr, do not  
let me lose my soul, but obtain for me the grace of winning my  
way to heaven, forever and ever.

Amen.

## December 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents

### Blessing of Children on Holy Innocents



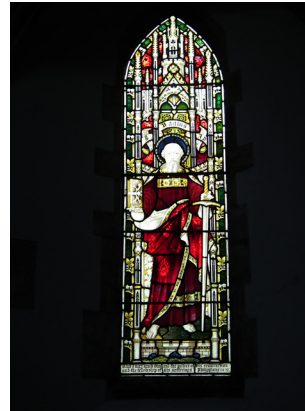
O Lord Jesus  
Christ, once You  
embraced and  
placed Your hands  
upon the little  
children who came  
to You, and said:  
"Suffer the little

children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven, and their angels always see the face  
of my Father!" Look now with fatherly eyes on the innocence  
of these children and their parents' devotion, and bless them  
this day through our ministry. (The father signs the forehead  
of each child with the sign of the cross.) In Your grace and  
goodness let them advance continually, longing for You, loving  
You, fearing You, keeping Your commandments. Then they will  
surely come to their destined home, through You, Savior of the  
world. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

"Amen."

## December 29<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas Becket

### Prayer to St. Thomas Becket



Almighty God, you granted your  
martyr, Thomas of Canterbury,  
the grace to give his life willingly  
for the freedom of your Church.  
By his prayers, make us willing  
to renounce our life in this world  
for Christ so that we may find it in  
heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## December 31<sup>st</sup> Saint Sylvester I

### Prayer to St. Sylvester



Saint Sylvester, as successor of Peter, you gained the liberty  
of Christians after three centuries of persecution and shared  
with them the happiness of being able to publicly profess their  
faith in Jesus Christ. You proclaimed His divinity in the face  
of powerful opposition and worked tirelessly to preserve the  
unity of all who acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Grant your protection especially to those who are unjustly  
deprived of their freedom, to those who are victims of  
oppression and torture, to those whose human and civil rights  
are trampled upon. Intercede for them, that God may be  
their refuge and strength in all their trials. Help us, after your  
example, to have the courage of our convictions and never  
betray our faith. Be mindful of us, and inspire us to imitate your  
holiness of life. **Saint Sylvester, pray for us.**