

## Christmas Novena 2020

St. Alphonsus de Liguori's Christmas Novena Chaplet to be recited before every Meditation.

1. My most sweet Jesus, who wert born in a cave and wert afterwards laid in a manger upon straw, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

2. My most sweet Jesus, who wert presented and offered by Mary in the temple, to be afterwards one day sacrificed for us upon the cross, have mercy upon us. R. Have Mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

3. My most sweet Jesus, who wert persecuted by Herod and constrained to fly into Egypt, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

4. My most sweet Jesus, who didst dwell in Egypt for seven years, poor, unknown, and despised by that barbarous nation, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

5. My most sweet Jesus, who didst return to Thy country to be one day crucified there in the midst of two thieves, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

6. My most sweet Jesus, who at the age of twelve years didst remain in the temple to dispute with the Doctors, and after three days wert found by Mary, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

7. My most sweet Jesus, who didst live concealed from the world for so many years in the shop at Nazareth, serving Mary and Joseph, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

8. My most sweet Jesus, who for three years before Thy Passion didst go about preaching and teaching the way of salvation, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

9. My most sweet Jesus, who for the love of us didst terminate Thy life by dying on the cross, have mercy upon us. R. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

From the book: "The Incarnation, Birth, and Infancy of Jesus Christ" by St. Alphonsus de Liguori.

The Christmas Novena for the 16th - 24th of any month  
(from the Raccolta)

1. Eternal Father, I offer to Thee honor and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the mystery of the birth of our divine Redeemer. Glory be ...

2. Eternal Father, I offer to Thee honor and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the sufferings of the most holy Virgin and Saint Joseph on that long and weary journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and the anguish of their hearts at not finding a place of shelter when the Saviour of the world was about to be born. Glory be ...

3. Eternal Father, I offer to Thee honor and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the sufferings of Jesus in the manger where He was born, the cold He suffered, the tears He shed and His tender infant cries. Glory be ...

4. Eternal Father, I offer to Thee honor and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the pain which the divine Child Jesus felt in His tender Body, when He submitted to the rite of circumcision: I offer Thee that Precious Blood which He then first shed for the salvation of all mankind. Glory be ...

5. Eternal Father, I offer to Thee honor and glory, for my eternal salvation and for the salvation of the whole world, the humility, mortification, patience, charity and all the virtues of the Child Jesus: I thank Thee, I love Thee, and I bless Thee infinitely for this ineffable mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. Glory be...

V. The Word was made flesh: (genuflect)

R. And dwelt amongst us.

Let us pray. (stand)

O God, Whose only-begotten Son hath appeared in the substance of our flesh; grant, we beseech Thee, that through Him, whom we acknowledge to have been outwardly like unto us, we may deserve to be renewed in our inward selves. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

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