

The Christmas Novena

L: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us pause and silently offer this Christmas Novena for a particular, personal intention.

All: Open our mouths, O Lord to bless your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, evil and distracting thoughts. You know the time in which we are living. It is now the time for us to wake from sleep for our salvation is at hand. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in impurities and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. Enlighten our understanding, inflame our affections, so that we may pray this novena with due attention and be heard by your divine majesty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day One: December 16

L: Rejoice, O daughter of Zion, and exult, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold the Lord shall come, and in that day there shall be a great light and the mountains shall bring forth sweetness, and the hills shall flow with milk and honey; for a great Prophet is coming, and he will renovate Jerusalem!

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. Let us live justly expecting the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.

Day Two: December 17

L: Behold He that is God and man, shall come forth from the house of David, His father, to sit upon His throne, and you shall see Him and your heart will rejoice.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O Wisdom, which came forth out of the mouth of the Most High, and reaches from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: come and teach us the way of prudence.

Day Three: December 18

L: Behold, the Lord shall come, our Protector, the Holy One of Israel, bearing on His head the crown of a kingdom; and he will rule from sea unto sea and from the river to the utmost bounds of the earth.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses as a flame of fire in the bush, and gave to him the law in Sinai: come and redeem us with your outstretched arm.

Day Four: December 19

L: Behold, the Lord shall appear and He will not deceive; if He delay, wait for Him, for He will come.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O Root of Jesse, who stands as a sign to the people, at whom kings shall close their mouths and the gentiles shall pray: come and deliver us without delay.

Day Five: December 20

L: The Lord will descend as rain on the field; in those days shall rise His justice and abundance of peace; and all the kings of the earth shall adore Him, all nations serve Him.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you who opens, and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: come and loose the prisoner from the prison, and him who sits in darkness from the shadow of death.

Day Six: December 21

L: A child shall be born to us; He shall be called the God of strength. He will sit on the throne of David, His Father, and He will rule. In his hand is all power.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O Orient, brightness of the eternal light, and Son of Justice: come enlighten those that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Day Seven: December 22

L: Bethlehem, City of the highest God, out from you shall go forth the Ruler of Israel; and His going forth will be as from the beginning of the eternal days; and He shall be praised in the midst of the universe and peace will be on earth, when He shall have come.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O King of the gentiles, and their desire, the cornerstone, who made both one; come and save us, whom you have made out of the dust of the earth.

Day Eight: December 23

L: Rejoice, O daughter of Zion, and exult, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold the Lord shall come, and in that day there shall be a great light and the mountains shall bring forth sweetness, and the hills shall flow with milk and honey; for a great Prophet is coming, and he will renew Jerusalem!

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of all nations, and their Savior: come and save us, O Lord our God!

Day Nine: December 24

L: Behold this night he that is God and man, shall come forth from the house of David, to sit upon His throne and we shall see Him and our hearts will rejoice.

All: The Lord, our coming King, let us adore Him. When the sun shall have risen on the heavens, you shall see the King of kings proceeding from His Father as the bridegroom from the bridal chamber.

Closing Prayer

Leader only: Let us pray. O God, who gladdens us with the yearly expectation of our Redemption, grant that we who now joyfully receive your only begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also without fear, behold Him coming as our Judge, 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.