

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM

Dear Lady of Bethlehem, Virgin most pure, Mother of our Savior, may the memory of the cold on the night Thy Divine Child was born to bring Thy powerful intercession to bear upon the world's coldness towards the Babe of Bethlehem. Send down into the hearts of all people some warmth of the flames of love that burn in Thy Immaculate Heart.



Thou, who suffered such great loneliness when Thy Son was taken from Thee, look with pity upon the void in the hearts of those who know and love Him not. Bring Him to them and with Him, His Angels and Saints that they too may be our intimate friends.

Thou, who journeyed wearily to Bethlehem, look down with mercy upon mankind trudging along the way of evil, lost and confused. Guide us to the path of Thy Son and the habitation He prepared for us.

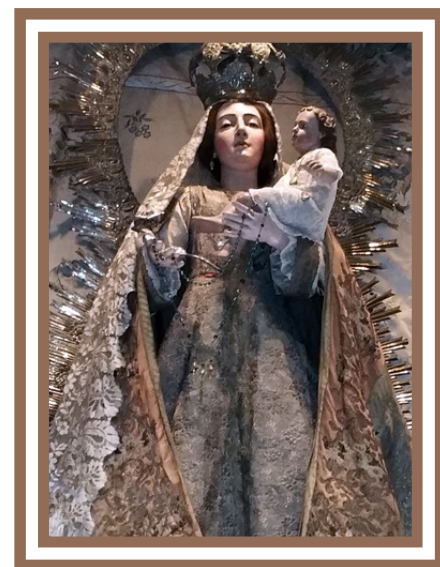
Look down with compassion upon us, as we commend to Thy maternal care the needs of Holy Mother Church, our beloved Country, our families. We place all at Thy blessed feet. Through Thy powerful intercession, may God grant to us and to the whole confused world the grace of the sacred Peace of Bethlehem.

Our Lady of Bethlehem, pray for us now, pray for us in every need, and be with us at the hour of our death. Amen.



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Dear Lady of Bethlehem, Virgin most pure, Mother of Our Saviour, may the memory of the cold night Thy Divine Child was born bring Thy powerful intercession to bear upon the world's coldness towards the Babe of Bethlehem. Send down into the hearts of all men some warmth of the flames of love that Thy Immaculate Heart gives forth.



Do Thou who suffered such great loneliness when Thy Son was taken from Thee, look with pity upon the void in the hearts of those who know and love Him not. Bring Him to them and with Him His Angels and Saints that they too may be our intimate friends. Do Thou who journeyed wearily to Bethlehem look down with mercy upon mankind trudging along the way of evil, lost and confused. Do Thou guide us to the path of Thy Son and the habitation He has prepared for us.

Look down with compassion upon us as we commend to Thy maternal care the needs of Holy Mother Church, our beloved country, and our families. We place all at Thy blessed feet. Through Thy powerful intercession may God grant to us and to the whole frightened world the true peace that only comes from the Babe of Bethlehem.

Do Thou also regard with favor our beloved St. Junipero Serra, who brought Thy image to this land and whose remains rest in peace in Thy sanctuary. May he who in life held Thee in such great honor and who first made Thy Son known on these shores, intercede for us.

Our Lady of Bethlehem, pray for us now, pray for us in every need, and be Thou with us at the hour of our death. Amen.



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N.B. A paragraph asking that Junipero Serra be raised to the altar has been removed as our prayers were answered when he was canonized a saint on September 23, 2015. Last sentence of 3rd has been modified.