



Mary

Father, you chose **Mary** for the mother of your Son and willed that her motherhood be virginal, entirely dependent on you rather than others.

Jesus, give us the gift of faith, so that we may learn to rely on the power of your Spirit in our lives rather than on our own efforts.



Joseph

Father, you chose the Faithful **Joseph** to enter into the mystery of the birth of your Son.

Jesus, deepen our trust in your word, and teach us to depend on your providence in all the circumstances of our lives.



Angels

Father, may we like the **Angels**, bring good news of your coming to all those we meet this day.

Jesus, give us the singleness of vision and gentleness of spirit to proclaim your good news to all people.



Crib

Father, may we like the **Crib**, offer our being as a place for your Son, Jesus, to dwell.

Jesus, dwell in our hearts, and make our lives filled with tender love for You and all those you send into our lives.



Shepherds

Father, when the **Shepherds** heard the song of the angels, they went to seek Jesus.

Jesus, give us a listening heart, always ready to hear the prompting of the Spirit and always willing to respond with love.



Stable

Father, may our hearts, like the **Stable**, be open to receive you in each way that you choose to come into our hearts.

Jesus, touch us with the grace of devotion to your service, and especially to your poor.



Star

Father, the **Star** revealed your love and brought light to those who sought you.

Jesus, grant us the vision to see and draw forth the goodness you have placed in others.



Wise Men

Father, you called **Wise Men** who studied the heavens from the east into the presence of your Son, Jesus.

Jesus, strengthen our efforts to be present to you in prayer.



Bethlehem

Father, you chose **Bethlehem** as the place where your Son would come to dwell among us.

Jesus, like those who were led to Bethlehem, the House of Bread, lead us to a deeper love of your presence in the Eucharist.



Animals

Father, the warmth of the **Animals' Breath** sheltered your Son during the first hours of his life as man.

Jesus, give us understanding in our relationships with one another so that we may know how to respond to all who need us.