



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.



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.



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

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



Father, may we, like the **CRIB**, offer our souls 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 you send into our lives.



Father, when the **SHEPHERDS** heard the song of the angels, they went to find Jesus.

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



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

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



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

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



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 and to discern your presence in our lives.



Father, you chose **BETHEHEM** 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.



Father, the warmth of the **ANIMALS' BREATH** caressed your Son during the first hours of this life on earth.

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