

## **Prayer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel**

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the pre-eternal God, Who, for the sake of our salvation became a little Child, and willed to be born in a cave to free us from the tyranny of sin, to draw us to You, and to set us on fire with Your divine love: we adore You as Creator of all things visible and invisible, and acknowledge You as our King and Lord.

You are truly the Son of God, equally ever-existing, unoriginate and consubstantial with the Father, Light from Light, and true God from true God.

You taught us through the Law and the Prophets to worship You alone. In the fullness of time, You assumed the form of a servant, taking flesh from the most-holy, ever-Virgin Mary, of the Royal House and lineage of David. You accepted our lowliness and human condition with the exception of sin. We recognize You as Emmanuel, God-With-Us, for You dwelt among the people who walked in darkness and shadow. You are also with us today, O Lord, for You promised to remain with Your people until the end of time.

Graciously accept the fervent supplications of Your humble servants. Enlighten us as we prepare to celebrate the coming glorious Feast of the Nativity with thanksgiving and great solemnity. Renew our faith, so that we may come to know You, and attain eternal life. Through the reception of Your most-holy Mysteries, may our souls become a worthy manger for the Incarnate Lord to be born.

Inspire us to bring the “Good News” of Your birth to all those we encounter throughout the day. Bless those who take care of the poor and destitute, the orphan and the widow. Send workers into the field to proclaim Your immeasurable love for the human race. Bestow Your gifts upon all Your people and shower us with Your mercy.

For you are the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls, and to You we give glory, together with Your everlasting Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.