

— CHRISTMAS NOVENA —



V: Soon comes our Lord and King,
All: *Let us adore Him.*

Day 1:

Rejoice, O Daughter of Sion and be happy, daughter of Jerusalem. Because the Lord, your Lover, comes and on that day a light will shine from heaven, and the mountains shall be bathed in brightness; and the hills will flow with milk and honey, because a great Teacher is coming, and His new law will make your city young again.

(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)

Day 2:

Hear, my people, God will come as a Man to rule from the throne of David. And when you see Him, your heart will shine and dance its joyful praises.

(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)

Day 3:

Hear me, Sion, the Lord our Fortress comes, the Holy One of Israel. And He will wear the jeweled crown upon His head. And His Kingdom shall extend from sea to sea, and from the Jordan to the farthest corners of the earth. *(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)*

Day 4:

Be glad for the Lord will appear, and your Lord cannot deceive; if it should seem that He is late, then wait for Him. For He shall come when He is sure that you are ready.

(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)

Day 5:

As a rainfall from the clouds, the maker shall come down from heaven, and there shall grow from the fields of His rule, justice and God's holy peace. And kings from every land shall adore Him, all people will be glad to be His nation.

(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)

Day 6:

Then shall a child be born for us, so weak— yet called the God of strength, to rule Jerusalem from the lost throne of His Father David, the King of all kings whose right hand is the source of every power and strength. *(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)*

Day 7:

Bethlehem! City of the Most High, from your midst shall come the Ruler of all Israel, and this coming will be said to be like nothing since the foundation of the universe, and all creation will sing out His praises, and the long awaited peace will settle on the earth, when the Creator shall triumphant come. *(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)*

Day 8:

Tomorrow all evil on earth will be destroyed by Him, and over us all reign the one Who comes to save the whole world. *(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)*

Day 9:

Tomorrow night our Lord will come, let's hasten to adore Him.
(Advent Hymn & Concluding Prayer)

Advent Hymn:

1. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King:
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

3. O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

O come, divine Messiah;
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away.
Dear Savior, haste!
Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence awaits
the day when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.

2. O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come, break the captive's fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste!
Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence awaits
the day when hope shall sing its triumph
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Concluding Prayer:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight at a stable, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, I beseech You, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, *(Please mention your intentions in silence)*... through Jesus Christ Our Lord and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.