

# *Prayers at the Nativity Scene*

Begin by reading from the Gospel of Luke 2:1-8.

Prayer Before the Manger Scene:

God our Heavenly Father,  
from the moment of creation  
you have never ceased showing your love for us.  
Even when we turned away from you,  
you did not abandon us to the darkness of sin and death.  
Indeed, it was when our need was greatest that you sent us a  
Redeemer—your Son, Jesus—to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
Bless us as we look upon this manger.  
May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and  
raise our minds to contemplate  
the awesome mystery of God-made-flesh.  
Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join  
him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven.  
Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives  
and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.