

## Blessing of a Christmas Creche or Manger Scene

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Saviour was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.  
Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,  
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*OR*

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals,  
bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene.  
Through all the days of Christmas  
may these figures tell the story  
of how humans, angels, and animals  
found the Christ in this poor place.  
Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving  
and guide our steps in the way of peace.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

