



**THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE** (Taken from prayers written by Sue Monk Kidd for her creche purchased in Bethlehem and adjusted to the homemade Nativity set in our home which has more statues)

## Nativity Creche Prayers

Bless this wooden stable, Lord, this lowly abode of cows and donkeys. May the stable remind us to be humble this Christmas season.

Bless the star beaming at the top. May it light our eyes to all the wonders of the Lord's caring for each of us.

Bless the little angel. May her song of Gloria in Excelsis Deo flow through our house and fill it with smiles and joy.

Bless this Virgin Mother, Mary. May she teach all mothers patience as they tend their little ones.

Bless this earthly father, St. Joseph, in his simple robe. May he remind all fathers how he trusted the angel and protected Mary and Baby Jesus.

Bless the Baby Jesus nestled in the hay. May the love he brought to earth that Bethlehem night, fill our hearts with compassion and warmth. May our love imitate His love so we become a Christmas gift to all around us.

Bless this caring shepherd and the small lamb cradled in his arms. May we also feel the Lord's embrace.

Bless this shepherd leading his flock. May he remind us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leading us, as his flock.

Bless this shepherd with his horn making sounds that the sheep follow and return when they have strayed from the flock.

Bless this shepherd bending in adoration of Jesus and offering the only simple gifts that he had with him on the hillside that glorious night.

Bless the little lambs so sweet. Help us to know the joy and comfort of being part of God's flock.

Bless the cow who is said to have warmed the manger for Jesus. May warmth radiate from our smiles throughout the entire year.

Bless the donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem. May the paths we take in our lives lead us to Jesus.

Bless the Wiseman bearing a splendid gift of gold. May he inspire us to lay our shining best at Your feet.

Bless the camel that carried the Wiseman as he trudged across many lands. May he remind us to pray for peace in these lands.

Bless this astronomer, bringing frankincense and following the star, so bright. Let us thank God for our awesome universe.

Bless the camel that carried the astronomer. He can symbolize persistence, so we never give up on our journey to Jesus.

Bless the third Wiseman bringing the gift of myrrh to Jesus. His wisdom led them NOT to return to King Herod.

Bless the camel that carried the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wiseman and is now resting from the long journey. Let him remind us to be thankful each night before we rest.

Jesus is the REASON FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. Jesus is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD! May all the Christmas lights remind you to spread more of Christ's Light.

Sing Silent Night or This Little Light of Mine.



