

# Epiphany

## MORNING PRAYERS

Monday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### REFLECTION

The twelfth day after Christmas is the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany.

We recall the Wise Men who came from the East to find the new King and pay Him homage.

At first, they were led by a star, a light in the darkness, to help them find the true path to take.

But they were rightfully called 'wise', because they knew they had to consult sacred scriptures to find the true path.

And so it was from the scribes and scripture scholars in Jerusalem that they learned to look for the King in Bethlehem.

### PRAYERS

We, too, can follow on the path that those wise men first took towards Christ Jesus.

Let us pray for the gift of wisdom, and look for inspiration from the Word of God, spoken to us in the Gospel of Christ the Lord. Lord, hear us....

Let us pray together in the words he taught us.

**Our Father....**

St. Philip: **Pray for us.** *House Saint:* **Pray for us.**

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## REFLECTION

The Wise Men brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to lay at the feet of the infant King.

These gifts were of no practical use to a poor family with nowhere to live, but they were symbolic gifts; gifts to give to a King and a God.

In presenting these gifts, the Wise Men were submitting themselves to the authority of a new King on earth:-

A King who can be found only among people of no worldly importance, in the poverty of a stable for his palace and lying in a manger, a 'feeding-trough', for his throne.

## PRAYERS

Like the Wise Men, we have no practical gifts to give to the infant King. Instead we can receive the gift he offers us from his manger - from his '*feeding-trough-throne*' - which is to allow ourselves to be fed with his love.

Let us put our thanks for his love into words of praise as we say...

**Glory be to the Father...**

St. Philip: **Pray for us.**

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## REFLECTION

The Jewish experts in Scripture weren't interested enough in what the Wise Men from the East had to say, to want to join them on the road to Bethlehem.

Either they didn't want to hear about a new king, or else they were too afraid that he might shake up their lives, and make them seem disloyal to the worldly powers and authorities who laid claim to them in Jerusalem.

The path which the Wise Men took to Bethlehem did indeed change them; It changed their sense of direction in life.

When they had worshipped the infant King in Bethlehem, they travelled home on a new road, a road which led away from worldly authority, and we read that they were filled with joy.

## PRAYERS

Let us ask the Mother of the Infant King to pray for us as we journey towards her Son, and pray that we are given the gift of courage to take paths which lead to true joy and fulfilment.

Hail Mary...

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## ROSARY REFLECTION

Let us pray the Rosary today especially for those in authority, that they are led by the light of the Gospel to join us in service of the Newborn King.

### **THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY:**

#### **THE NATIVITY**

*Going into the place, the Wise Men saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.*

1x

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day...*

10x

*Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

1x

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was...*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Friday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## FRIDAY PRAYER

Remember that you can go to the Chapel for Confession this lunchtime.  
*We pray together:-*

### **AN EVERYDAY PRAYER**

**Lord, be at the beginning and end  
of all that we do or say.**

**Prompt our actions with your grace,  
And complete them with your all-powerful help.**

**Amen**