

# CHILDREN'S PRAYER LEAFLET: *WAITING FOR JESUS WITH JOY* (December 2022)

During the season of advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. The Word becomes flesh. This is an important and joyful event. The saviour of the world is coming. So how do children await the Child Jesus?

"Be joyful always", says Saint Paul (1Th 5, 16). This joy should be communicated by children during this festive period to visitors who come by to greet at home, giving them beautiful smiles, as if they were welcoming Jesus. Among themselves; brothers and sisters at home, showing a lot of love to each other, avoiding arguments, always looking for the good of each other. Children, by being more obedient to their parents, will avoid that they get angry and tired, so parents will be more joyful and the whole house will be in a good preparation for the Child Jesus. Children should insist to their parents that the family calls other people, that they listen to Christmas carols, that they make the Christmas crib, but above all, that they love a lot. Happy and joyful Christmas to all the children.

## ***THE LITTLE STORY: SAINT ROMARIC***

Once upon a time, there was a little boy, when he grew up, he became a leude, that is to say a special friend and adviser to the king. Romaric was very rich but his goods were confiscated and a fratricidal war between the two grandsons of Brunehaut, shook their family. But he recovered his vast wealth, and he held a high position at the court of Clotaire II, who had become sole master of the three Frankish kingdoms. Meanwhile, there was Amat, a monk who had come to preach, and Romaric received him at his table, and asked him about the best way to make his salvation: "I am surprised," replied the religious, "that an intelligent man like you does not remember the Lord's answer to one who asked him the same question: 'If you want to be eternal life, go, sell everything you have, give it to the poor, and come follow me: you will have your treasure in heaven.'" From that moment on, Romaric belonged to God. He distributed all his lands to the poor, with the exception of his castle of Habend, set free many of his servants, and left for Luxeuil to become a monk. Once a monk, he sought out the lowest occupations, and surpassed all the brothers in his regularity.

A few years later, Romaric and Amat left Luxeuil and went to the domain that Romaric had reserved for himself. There they built a church and founded the largest women's monastery in Gaul. Amat took over the government at first, but soon surrendered it to Romaric who ran it for twenty-five years. At the end of his life, having learned that Grimoald, mayor of the palace under king Sigebert, was threatening the rights of the young heir of this prince, Romaric came down from his mountain and went to the palace, which he had not seen for thirty years, to denounce to the king the perils of the country; informed of his approach, Grimoald met him. At the appearance of this old man of God, he thought he saw a supernatural apparition, and trembled. It is not said what happened between them. We only know that Grimoald promised to do whatever was asked of him. Romaric died three days later; his ashes were reunited with those of Saint Amat, the master and friend who had led him to God by the rough path. To live in self-denial: this is the best way to be saved. The Child Jesus comes at Christmas in total self-denial; He is the King of the whole universe to teach men simplicity and love. Let every child make an effort to be generous to the poor in this month. **MERRY CHRISTMAS CHILDREN**



## DAILY READINGS AND EXERCISES TO BE PUT IN PRATICE FOR CHILDREN (December 2022)

1. **Thursday:** Mt 7, 21-24-27: **Pray the Pope's intention:** Let us pray that organizations and associations for human promotion may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and seek ever new ways of collaboration at the international level.
2. **Friday:** Mt 9, 27-31: Say to Jesus several times: "Have mercy on me Lord Jesus"
3. **Saturday:** Mt 9, 35-10. 1. 5a. 6-8 : Have pity on someone and do him good.
4. **Sunday:** Mt 3, 1-12: Pray so that a poor child may have a good gift at Christmas.
5. **Monday:** Lk 5, 17-26: Please Jesus by avoiding to get dirty and put your books in order.
6. **Tuesday:** Mt 18, 12-14: Pray for a classmate who does poorly in school.
7. **Wednesday:** Mt 11, 28-30: Ask the Lord Jesus to give your family the means to celebrate well and to help others also.
8. **Thursday:** Lk 1, 26-38: **Immaculate Conception:** Pray one 'Hail Mary' so that all girls of age to marry in your family may get married.
9. **Friday:** Mt 11, 16-19: Do not complain today.
10. **Saturday:** Mt 17, 10-13: Put order in your room today.
11. **Sunday:** Mt 11, 2-11 : Give a big hug to your mother or your father and tell him / her how much you love him/her
12. **Monday:** Mt 21, 23-27: Do not seek to harm anyone.
13. **Tuesday :** Mt 21, 28-32: Be joyful and sing a lot.
14. **Wednesday:** Lk 7, 18b-23: Take a good moment of prayer and speak a lot to Christ Jesus.
15. **Thursday:** Lk 7, 24- 30: Seek for peace and help to do the crib and Christmas tree or ask your parents if they have planned for it.
16. **Friday:** Jn 5, 33 -36 : Think about what you can offer to a poor person and ask your parents to help you with it.
17. **Saturday:** Mt 1, 1-17 : Pray for your grandparents.
18. **Sunday:** Mt 1, 18-24: Pray for boys.
19. **Monday:** Lk 1, 5-25: Pray one 'Hail Mary' for women who do not have children.
20. **Tuesday :** Lk 1, 26-38: Make a child joyful by playing with him.
21. **Wednesday:** Song of songs 2, 8-14: Be Polite and say words of kindness.
22. **Jeudi :** Lk 1, 46-56: Write a little letter to the Lord Jesus and ask him what you wish for Christmas.
23. **Vendredi :** Lk 1, 57-6 6: Keep your room neat in order to welcome the Child Jesus well and sing in order to prepare for Christmas.
24. **Samedi :** Lk 1 67-79 : Do a lot of good today.
25. **Dimanche :** Jn 1, 1-18: **Christmas:** Be punctual for mass. Be kind and greet as many people as possible at mass.
26. **Lundi** Mt 10, 17-22: Help someone in order to please Jesus.
27. **Mardi :** Jn 20, 2-8: Ask your parents to help you in calling an uncle or an aunt for Christmas.
28. **Thursday:** Mt 2, 13-18 : **The innocent saints, martyrs.** Pray one 'Hail Mary' so that the Lord may protect your family.
29. **Friday:** Lk 2, 22- 35 : Pray that God may help you to become a good child.
30. **Saturday:** Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23: Ask your parents to help you to pray before the blessed sacrament, even if it is just for some seconds,
31. **Sunday:** Jn 1, 1-18 : **Saint Sylvester.** Take a good moment for family prayer, sing a lot and thank God for all his good deeds this year and pray for the next year.

### *Prayerleaflet of the Incarnation Movement (Movement of the catholic Church)*

Merry christmas !!!

