

# CHILDREN'S PRAYERLEAFLET (JANUARY 2023)

## THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE INCARNATION: LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The world is entering a new year and it is a blessing for children too. A new year opens to living a new year of grace. The new year should allow children to grow in their love for Jesus. So, would every Christian child want to dedicate their year to growing in their love for Jesus? To pleasing Him more? To being more obedient? To doing better at school? And this would be easier if all children took the decision to live the Word of God! How wonderful it would be. How wonderful it would be if all Christians lived truly by the Word of God! There would be more joy at home; parents would scold less and be better off; the children themselves would be even more joyful; the teachers at school would be happy and proud of their pupils. What happiness, what peace, what joy, would radiate out into the world! The world needs a new revolution, that of living the Word. This is what children who are members of the Word of God groups aspire to. Living the Spirituality of the Incarnation consists in letting Jesus dwell in each member who lives the Word of God. Like the Virgin Mary, our main task is to live the Word of God. My task Lord, is to keep your Word' (Ps 119:57).

### THE LITTLE STORY: SAINT GENEVIEVE



Once upon a time there was a little girl called Genevieve. She loved Jesus so much, and did everything to please him. She never missed an opportunity to do good wherever she went. When she was seven years old St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre, passed through the village of Nanterre, where she lived. Enlightened by a divine light, the Saint discerned this modest child among the crowd that had run to him: "Blessed be," he said to her parents, "the day on which this child was given to you: her birth was hailed by the angels, and God destined her to great things." Then, addressing the young child, he confirmed her in her desire to give herself entirely to God "Have confidence, my daughter," he told her, "remain unshaken in your vocation; the Lord will give you strength and courage.

From that moment on, Genevieve considered herself consecrated to God; she distanced herself more and more from the games and the amusements of childhood and gave herself up to all the exercises of Christian piety with a passion far above her age. Rarely was there seen, in so humble an existence, such admirable virtues. She was happy only in her distance from the world, in the company of Jesus, Mary and her Guardian Angel. Geneviève received the veil at the age of fourteen from the Archbishop of Paris, and after the death of her parents, she left

Nanterre to retire to her godmother's house in Paris, where she lived a holy life more than ever. Despite her austerities, her ecstasies, her miracles, she soon became the object of popular hatred, and the jealous devil raised a fierce war against her. It took a new passage by Saint Germain de Nanterre to restore her reputation. This virgin," he said, "will be the salvation of you all. Soon, in fact, the terrible Attila, nicknamed the Scourge of God, invaded

France; but Genevieve preached penance, and, according to her prediction, Paris was not even besieged. When the saint died at the age of eighty-nine, on 3 January 512. Countless miracles were performed through her intercession. Here was a little girl who decided to love Jesus with all her heart and made him her friend always tried to please Him by living His Word. May every child in this month make efforts to be Jesus' friend by living his Word.

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**DAILY READINGS AND EXERCICES OF THE WORD  
TO BE PUT INTO PRATCICE FOR CHILDREN (JANUARY 2023)**

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| 1. <b>Sunday:</b>     | <b>Lk 2, 16-21:</b>   | <b>Pray the Pope's intention:</b> <i>Lets us pray that educators should be credible witnesses, teaching brotherhood rather than competition and helping especially the most vulnerable young people.</i>  |
| 2. <b>Monday:</b>     | <b>Jn 1, 19-28:</b>   | Respond kindly to others.   |
| 3. <b>Tuesday:</b>    | <b>Jn 1, 29-34:</b>   | Speak a lot to Jesus in your heart.   |
| 4. <b>Wednesday:</b>  | <b>1 Jn 3, 7-10:</b>  | Do not follow bad advice from a bad friend and do not do silly things   |
| 5. <b>Thursday:</b>   | <b>Jn 1, 43-51:</b>   | Pray for a child that has not yet received his or her sacraments.   |
| 6. <b>Friday:</b>     | <b>Mk 1, 7-11:</b>    | Do not brag.  |
| 7. <b>Saturday:</b>   | <b>Jn 2, 1-11:</b>    | Pray for your elder brothers or sisters who wish to get married that they may find good partners  |
| 8. <b>Sunday:</b>     | <b>Mt 2, 1-12:</b>    | <b>Epiphany:</b> Offer or plan to offer a drawing to a priest of your parish and ask your parents to see you off.<br><b>Benefactors of the Incarnation Movement Day.</b> Pray one or ten 'Hail Mary' for all those who supports the Word of God groups. |
| 9. <b>Monday:</b>     | <b>Mt 3, 13-17:</b>   | Seek to be the first to love; by being the first to greet, the first to help out someone etc..  |
| 10. <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>Mk 1, 21-28:</b>   | Do not respond to provocations but struggle to please Jesus.  |
| 11. <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>Heb 2, 14-18:</b>  | Comfort your brother or sister or friend who is suffering.  |
| 12. <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>Mk 1, 40-45:</b>   | Tell your father or mother what hurts you.  |
| 13. <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>Mk 2, 1-12:</b>    | Pray for your parents that they may always remain united and they they may love the lord Jesus much.  |
| 14. <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>Heb 4, 12-16:</b>  | Put order in your room and your school items.   |
| 15. <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>Jn 1, 29-34:</b>   | Tell your Dad or Mum how much you love him or her.  |
| 16. <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>Mk 2, 18-22:</b>   | Be joyful during the day and do not sulk.   |
| 17. <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>Heb 6, 10-20:</b>  | Pray ten 'Hail Mary   |
| 18. <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>Mk 3, 1-6:</b>     | Do good to someone.   |
| 19. <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>Mk 3, 7-12:</b>    | Ask Jesus to heal you from an ache or a pain that usually disturbs you.   |
| 20. <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>Heb 8, 6-13:</b>   | Do a good drawing for Jesus and explain well to him what it represents.   |
| 21. <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>Mk 3, 20-21:</b>   | Help your brother or sister to put his things in order so as to do him good.  |
| 22. <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>Mt 4, 12-23:</b>   | <b>Sunday of the Word of God.</b> Ask your parents to pray the litany of the Word of God with you.  |
| 23. <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>Mk 3, 22-30:</b>   | Pray for someone who often scares you.  |
| 24. <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>Mk 3, 31-35 :</b>  | Pray for your cousins.  |
| 25. <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>Mk 16, 15-18:</b>  | <b>Conversion of Saint Paul:</b> Pray for a sick person   |
| 26. <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>Mk 4, 21-25:</b>   | Seek peace with others.   |
| 27. <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>Heb 10, 32-39:</b> | Have a good moment of intimate prayer.  |
| 28. <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>Mc 4, 35-41 :</b>  | Offer all your fears to God.  |
| 29. <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>Mt 5, 1-12a :</b>  | Read or ask someone to read out this passage to you and share with your parents the difficulties you often face at school.  |
| 30. <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>Mc 5, 1-20:</b>    | Encourage a friend to often to go to church.  |
| 31. <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>Mc 5, 21-43:</b>   | Pray that the Lord may help you to study hard in order to be brilliant in school.   |

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