Blessing of A Nativity Scene at Home:

Introduction

Sing a Christmas hymn or carol.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest.

(R/.) And peace to God's people on earth.

Scripture Reading

Leader: Let us listen to these words of Scripture.

A reader proclaims one of these readings from Holy Scripture:

- **Hebrews 1.1-3a** – God has spoken to us by his Son
- **Titus 2.11-14** – Live lives that are self-controlled
- **John 3.16-17** – God's love for us
- **Luke 1.28-33** – Our Saviour is coming
- **Luke 2.1-5** – Bethlehem
- **Luke 2.6-7** – Birth of Jesus
- **Luke 2. 8-20** – Shepherds

Reflect in silence for a short time after the reading.

Litany

Leader: Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who was born for our salvation. Our response to each intention is "Glory to God in the highest."

(R/.) Glory to God in the highest.

Leader: Eternal Word, you have scattered the darkness of sin and death. **(R/.)**
Word made flesh, you have made us children of God most high. **(R/.)**
Incarnate Son, you have united heaven and earth. **(R/.)**
Lord Jesus, you are the revelation of God's love. **(R/.)**
Eternal Son, you are the light of the nations. **(R/.)**
Emmanuel, you are fullness of God's glory. **(R/.)**
Son of God, you were born of Mary with Joseph as your protector. **(R/.)**
Bread of life, you were laid in a humble manger. **(R/.)**
Son of David, the shepherds came to worship you. **(R/.)**
Light of the world, the Magi brought you gifts. **(R/.)**

Prayer of Praise

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
you have sent your Son as the promised Saviour of the world
so that he might share with us your divine life.
Bless us as we prepare this crib,
and let it be a reminder of the Lord Jesus,
who was born of the Virgin Mary in the City of David.
Grant that we may always serve you in faith as did the angels,
praise you for your saving deeds as did the shepherds,
and surround you with the warmth of our love, as did the animals of the stable.
Glory and praise to you, eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

(R/.) Amen.

Conclude by singing a Christmas hymn or carol.

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