



A prayer at the Crib

Lord, we ask you bless this Crib and all who look upon it.
You came to us as a helpless child to share our vulnerabilities,
our joys and sorrows, and to teach us your way of love.

As we look upon this Crib, space of tenderness, may it open our
hearts and our homes to become Bethlehem spaces, open to receive
the Light and Love of God and share it with others.

May this Crib which was a home for an anxious couple in search of
shelter, and for a new-born child fragile and vulnerable, remind us to
open our hearts and homes: to listen for the whisper of God;
to listen for the voices of the anxious and the vulnerable in our
families and communities this Christmas.

Gracious God, bless us with an extravagance of patience, insight, hope
and love, as we await the birth of our Saviour.

Pour down your blessings on all our families and homes
and on the broken parts of your world.

May we know the peace that the angels announced to the shepherds
and may the joy of God's coming among us in Jesus, fill our hearts.

Amen.