

# Seeking the Blessings of the Child Jesus

The peace of the Lord be with you.

This year we celebrate the birth of the Lord while trying to find a balance between preventing infection by the new coronavirus and social life.

The child Jesus was born into this world of suffering and anxiety, and gently embraces it. Let us pray to the child Jesus.

- Protect us who face the danger of coronavirus infection.
- Grant eternal peace to those who have died and comfort the bereaved.
- Bring the sick recovery and health.
- Protect the safety and health of our healthcare professionals.
- Strengthen the bonds among those who cannot meet their families and friends during the Christmas and New Year holidays.
- Protect from isolation those who live alone.
- Provide for those who are in need.
- Advance the rebuilding of the lives of disaster victims.
- Protect foreign nationals and technical intern trainees.
- Give courage to all who extend a helping hand with love.

In your kindness, Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.



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