

## Blessing of Baby Jesus

*To be prayed by all the congregation*

God, our Father  
you so loved humankind  
that you sent us your only Son Jesus,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that with your Blessing  
these images of Jesus,  
who is about to come among us,  
may be a sign of your presence and  
love in our homes.

Good Father,  
give your Blessing to us too,  
to our parents, to our families and  
to our friends.

Open our hearts,  
so that we may be able to  
receive Jesus in joy,  
always do what he asks  
and see him in all those  
who are in need of our love.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus,  
your beloved Son  
who comes to give the world peace.

He lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen. (Pope Benedict's Blessing on 1<sup>st</sup> Bambinelli Sunday  
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*You might like to take this sheet home and say the prayer  
again on Christmas Eve.*

