



Welcome

On this sacred Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8, 2025, we invite you to join us in prayer for Minnesota. Inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:17—“Pray without ceasing”—and Mother Teresa’s call to “Find your own Calcutta,” we see Minnesota as our mission field. This guide offers a Marian prayer and reflection to deepen your faith and unite us in prayer.

Prayer: A Nativity Blessing

Begin with a moment of silence, then pray:

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Savior,
We rejoice in your holy birth on this day, a dawn of grace for all humanity. As you were born to bring Christ into the world, guide us to bring His love to Minnesota. Intercede for our families, our leaders, and all who seek the Holy Spirit’s renewal. May your gentle presence inspire us to live, speak, and offer prayer without ceasing, as St. Paul urges. Through your Immaculate Heart,
Pour forth your blessings upon this land, that it may be a place of peace and holiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Pause to reflect on Mary’s role in salvation, then continue with an Our Father or Hail Mary if desired.

Reflection: Mary’s Nativity and Our Call

Today, we celebrate the birth of Mary, the mother chosen by God to bear His Son. Her Nativity marks the beginning of a journey toward redemption, a quiet yet profound moment that echoes through time.

For us at Elizabeth of Minnesota, this feast inspires a personal mission. Mother Teresa’s words, “Find your own Calcutta,” resonate deeply—my Calcutta is this state, with its people and challenges. Mary’s life began in humility, yet her “yes” to God shaped history. As we pray for Minnesota, let’s consider our own “yes.” Perhaps it’s praying for a struggling family, lifting up a leader in need, or seeking the Holy Spirit’s outpouring in our communities. Nativity reminds us that great things start small—with a single act of faith, like Mary’s birth. Take a moment to ask: Where is my Calcutta within Minnesota? It might be your neighborhood, your parish, or a personal struggle. Offer it to Mary today, asking her to guide your prayers. Let this Nativity be a new beginning for your spiritual journey, uniting us in love for this state.

Join us for First Friday & First Saturday devotions to continue this prayerful mission. May Mary’s Nativity bless you abundantly!

Closing Prayer - Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.