

# A Novena For Christmas Based On The Seven O Antiphons of Advent

## O Shepherd (December 16th)



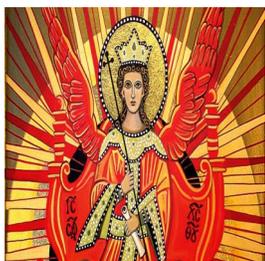
O SHEPHERD that rules Israel, Thou that leads Joseph like a sheep:  
**Come** to guide and comfort us.

Our Father - (Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.)

Hail Mary - (Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.)

Glory by to the Father - (Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.)

## O Wisdom (December 17th) O Sapientia



O WISDOM that comes out of the mouth of the Most High, that reaches from one end to another, and orders all things mightily and sweetly:  
**Come** to teach us the way of prudence!

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

## O Lord (December 18th) O Adonai



O LORD, and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who did appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gave him the law of Sinai:

**Come** to redeem us with outstretched arms!

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

## O Root of Jesse (December 19th) O Radix Jesse



O ROOT OF JESSE, which stands for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek:

**Come** to deliver us, do not delay.

*Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...*

O Key of David (December 20th)

O Clavis David



O KEY OF DAVID, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that opens and no man shuts, and shuts and no man opens:

**Come** to liberate the prisoner from prison and those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

O Rising Son (December 21st)

O Oriens



O RISING SUN, Brightness of the everlasting light, Son of Justice:

**Come** to give light to those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

O King of Nations (December 22nd)

O Rex Gentium



O KING of the Nations, yea, and desire there-of! O Corner-stone, that makes of two one:

**Come** to save man, whom Thou has made out of the dust of the earth!

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

O God With Us (December 23rd)

O Emmanuel



O EMMANUEL, Our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof,

**Come** to save us, O Lord our God!

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

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O Thou (December 24th)



O THOU that sits upon the cherubim, God of hosts:

**Come** show Thy face, and we shall be saved.

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory by to the Father...

*Indulgence of 300 days, each day. - Pius VIII. July 9, 1830*

A novena is a prayer for nine days, prayed as preparation for some particular feast or in order to obtain some special favor. The model and the first of all novenas was that made in the Cenacle after the Ascension of Our Lord, by the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin in preparation for the coming of the Holy Ghost.

The earliest recorded ecclesiastical novena, is the Christmas Novena, which commemorates the nine months during which the Christ-child was carried in the womb of His Mother.

Each of the seven *O Antiphons* address Jesus with a title, which comes from the prophecies of *Isaiah* that anticipate *the coming of the Messiah*. The first letters of the titles in the original Latin in reverse order spell "**Ero Cras**," meaning . . .The Seven O Antiphons