

The angel of the Lord declared unto Joseph.

Joseph, son of David, be not afraid.

The Lord has conceived this child.

She will bring forth God's only-Begotten Son.

The Word shall take on flesh.

And dwell among us.

Pray for us, O father most chaste.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

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That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

or:

With authentic humility, O Lord, Saint Joseph would not risk dishonoring the Virgin Mother of Christ, and, in trusting the message of the angel, he gave his assent to your plan of Salvation which she already had accepted as your will and the vocation of the Son she was to bear; graciously grant, we pray, that, as your people strive for fidelity to that plan, we may always conform our hearts to yours and trust ever more fully in your loving Providence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.