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## SEASON OF ADVENT: MANGER THRONE PRAYER

*Please pray this prayer daily during the Season of Advent*

We wait in quiet longing and joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we recall Jesus' humble birth in Bethlehem — the Lord of all laid in a manger — we marvel at the mystery of Your love made flesh. You chose to dwell not in palaces of power but in the simplicity of a stable, teaching us true majesty is found in humility and service.

Lord Jesus, as we gaze toward the manger throne, we open our hearts to You.

Teach us to prepare the way for You through love, patience, and peace. When the world grows dark, let Your light shine within us.

Teach us to prepare not only our homes but our souls for Your coming.

Let our waiting be active — filled with repentance, mercy, and love.

Through Mary's "yes," You entered our world. May our "yes" today make room for You, Jesus, — in our lives, our communities, and our world.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### MANGER THRONE

You could have stepped into creation, with  
fire for all to see

Brought every tribe and nation to their  
knees, arriving with the host of heaven  
In royal robe and crown, the rulers of the  
earth all bowing down  
But You chose meekness over majesty,  
wrapped Your power in humanity

*Refrain: Glory be to You alone, king who  
reigns from a manger throne*

My life, my praise, everything I own, to  
Jesus the King on a manger throne  
You could have marched in all Your glory,  
into the heart of Rome  
Showed them splendor like they'd never  
known  
But You wrote a better story, in humble  
Bethlehem

Creator in the arms of common men  
You will die for our redemption, and  
You'll rise so we can live

#### *Refrain*

From heaven to the cradle, from cradle to  
the cross  
Let heaven and nature sing, this is our King  
But the grave couldn't hold Him, our God  
has overcome  
Let Heaven and nature sing, this is our King  
(Repeat)  
All hail the King, all hail the King, all hail  
the King

#### *Refrain*

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## The Manger

The term manger comes from the Latin word *mangere*, meaning “to eat,” and refers to a feeding trough used for animals. In the ancient Near East, particularly in the first century, mangers were typically made of stone or wood and placed inside stables, caves, or attached shelters where livestock were kept. They were functional containers for hay or grain—symbols of humble, everyday life in agrarian societies.

In Bethlehem during the time of Jesus' birth (circa early 1st century AD), homes often included a lower section where animals were kept at night for warmth and protection. The manger, therefore, was not a romanticized wooden crib but a practical feature of ordinary village life, indicating a modest and unadorned setting.

According to the Gospel of Luke (2:7), Mary “gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” This brief mention carries deep theological and symbolic meaning.

### 1. Symbol of Humility and Poverty

The manger underscores the humble circumstances of Jesus' birth. The Son of God entered the world not in royal luxury but in simplicity and poverty. This contrast between the divine and the lowly emphasizes God's solidarity with the poor and marginalized.

### 2. Fulfillment of Prophecy and Divine Plan

The humble setting fulfills Old Testament expectations that the Messiah would come in unexpected ways (cf. Micah 5:2, Isaiah 53). The manger reveals a divine reversal—God's greatness revealed through humility.

### 3. Accessibility and Universality

The manger scene makes Christ accessible to all people, not just the powerful. The first visitors, according to Luke, were shepherds—ordinary laborers who would have felt at home in such a setting. This symbolizes the inclusive nature of Jesus' mission: salvation available to all, regardless of social status.

### 4. Theological Symbolism

Some early Christian writers saw deeper symbolism in the manger: it was a feeding place, and Jesus would later identify himself as the “Bread of Life” (John 6:35). Thus, even from birth, he is presented as spiritual nourishment for humanity.

Historically, the manger was a simple feeding trough—common, rough, and unremarkable. Yet, in Christian tradition, it became a powerful symbol of divine humility, accessibility, and love. The setting of Jesus' birth in such a place conveys that God's presence is not confined to palaces or temples but is found among the lowly, transforming an ordinary object of daily life into a profound emblem of salvation.