



December 2025 Reflection

On December 10, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto. The Holy House of Loreto in Italy is where Our Lady was born, where the holy archangel St. Gabriel appeared to her to announce that she was chosen to become the Mother of God the Son, and where Our Lord was raised. This house was originally located in the Holy Land, but it is believed that by a miracle of God, the holy angels carried the house to its present location in Italy. The Holy House was transported during a time of war in the Holy Land, so that it would be safe from destruction.

In a similar way, the holy angels help to carry us to our true home in Heaven. They inspire us to do good works and to love God well, so that our hearts may become good homes in which Christ may dwell, just as He dwelt in the womb of Our Lady, and continues to dwell in the consecrated hosts in the tabernacle, which is another womb of Our Lady. We can go on spiritual pilgrimages to Loreto when we pray the Holy Rosary, walking through the events of Christ's life, adoring Him and beholding Him like the holy angels did through hall of the mysteries, praying that the holy angels would help us to raise Christ within our hearts, to be filled with His Presence, as we come to love Him more, with the all-encompassing love that Our Lady did. We thank God for all of the good gifts He has given us to treasure in our hearts with Mother Mary, and we pray to share these good gifts with others, imitating Jesus' generosity in giving us the ultimate gift of His life, Himself, which we receive in the Holy Eucharist, after reliving His Sacrifice at the Holy Mass.

When Our Lord was born, the holy angels sang the "Gloria," adoring Christ with the shepherds. At Holy Mass, we sing with the holy angels to give glory to Jesus; like the shepherds, we are invited to look upon the Christ Child with love, and to praise Him in our hearts like the holy angels, guarding and protecting the Presence of the Lamb of God within us, just as the shepherds watched over their flocks. Jesus was born to give His life for us, and we are born to offer our lives for His glory, that we may come to adore Him forever in Heaven with the holy angels. The holy angels bear the offerings of the Holy Mass to God the Father, and we pray that they would help us to offer our gifts lovingly to Him as well, using our talents for His glory. In this month, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, and the Divine Infancy. We pray that the holy angels, in their perfect purity, would help us to love Jesus with innocent hearts, to be like the Christ Child in adoring God the Father with total trust. We pray to approach the Heart of Jesus with total confidence, that He may be consoled by our love, as we hold the Christ Child's Heart near to our own hearts, giving Him the gift of our love. The holy angels are pure spirits who love Our Lady for her purity of soul, which mirrors their own

perfection. They love to contemplate Our Lady more than any other wondrous creations, and inspire us to contemplate Our Lady with great love, too, that we may be moved to imitate her in loving with pure hearts.

The holy angels are close to Our Lady, honoring her for her holiness as the Mother of God the Son, because of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. Having been consecrated to God in a special way before her conception and birth, when St. Anne, the woman who would be her mother, promised God the Father that she would consecrate her future child to Him if He gave her the gift of motherhood, Our Lady was set apart for the service of God. Being consecrated meant that she could be filled with God's grace. Our Lady was immaculately conceived, created by God without sin, so that she could carry the sinless Savior, bringing Him into the world. The holy angels rejoice in being near to one so filled with grace, with the Spirit of God, so we pray to consecrate ourselves to God in a special way, to be spiritually reborn through God's grace, that we may bring Christ into the world with hearts of pure love, and serve Him faithfully like Our Lady. May the holy angels remain close to us, keeping our hearts clean, that we may remain in God's grace, and be immaculate like Our Lady, reaching Heaven in being immaculate creations like her.

Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, is a beautiful gift from God. Because Our Lady was immaculately conceived, and born to be the Mother of the Savior, Christ could be born. We were born to adore Jesus and venerate Our Lady with the holy angels. We pray to fulfill this purpose, to honor God with the gift of our life, that every day may be like Christmas, another opportunity to adore Christ, Who is reborn into our hearts, until we may be born into Heaven with Christ the King and Our Lady, the Immaculate Queen assumed into Heaven. The Sacred Host is adored by countless angels, and we pray that, through receiving the Sacred Host, we would be filled with the graces to remain immaculate, and inspire many others to approach Christ's pure Heart, that they may be sheltered within His Heart forever, joining countless angels in Heaven to worship Him.

Jubilate Deo,

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December 2025 Prayer

Prayer to the Holy Family in Honor of the Nativity of Our Lord

Today the King of Heaven deigned to be born to us of a Virgin, that He might restore lost man to the Heavenly kingdom.

The host of Angels rejoices: for that Eternal Salvation hath appeared to the human race.

Glory be to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will!

Special Devotions for December 2025

Marian Chant of the Season: **Alma Redemptoris Mater**

Suggested Prayer: **Litany to the Immaculate Conception**