



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

21ST DECEMBER

INTRODUCTION: Dear friends, on this sixth day of the Novena in preparation for Christmas, we reflect on the royal descent of Jesus as the Son of King David.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 13: 22-25 (Jesus Son of David)

REFLECTION: The Lord Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is God's final Word. He is, quite literally, God's Amen. Our response therefore needs to be, "Indeed, He is. So be it. I will follow Him." May this be our testimony. And when it is, then we will take comfort that, indeed, God's saving and sustaining grace will be with us all. That, in the end, is the final word on the matter.

INTERCESSIONS:

Response: Come Lord, do not delay!

David was considered the least of his family, but God, examined the heart and recognised him as a man of integrity; let us set our hearts on the Lord as we await his coming. **R/-**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, you come to us born as man; may the welcome we give you make us children of God. **R/-**

Lord God, you made us and sustain us with your love; help us to recognise and receive Jesus your incarnate Son amidst us. **R/-**

May the birth of the prince of peace move the hearts of all who govern and rule towards deep and lasting peace. **R/-**

Lord you entered our world and shared our human condition; bring health to the sick and give the dying a share in your glory. **R/-**

CONCLUDING PRAYER: O Key of David, and Sceptre of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death. **Amen.**

