

THEME: MARY, HER PATH TO HOLINESS

Fourth Day The Nativity

Grace and Intention:

Let us beg for the virtue of **obedience to God**.

Let us pray that we may learn to obey God in the daily circumstances of our life.

Reading **Luke 2:1-7**

Reflection:

Let us reflect on the circumstances in which Mary found herself when she gave birth to Jesus. She was in a town far away from home with the total lack of conveniences that she would have wanted her baby to have - not even warm water or walls to keep off the cold. She must have experienced humiliation and helplessness. It was as if God had abandoned His Son. Mary could not understand this but she never complained or doubted God's providence - she remained totally given to Him, completely faithful.

(moment of silence)

Prayer:

Lord, you made the Virgin Mary the mother of your only begotten Son. Help us to follow her example of obedience to you without question, so that like her, we can give Jesus to the world.

Glory Be. . . .