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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [CHRISTMAS], **Solemnity**

At the Mass during the Night

Prayer after Communion:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we, who are gladdened by participation
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,
may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Reflection:

There are so many thoughts that come to mind when one has celebrated this great Solemnity. As this prayer speaks for us some of those thoughts, how can we not be excited about continuing our celebration with others on this night that recalls the birth of Christ?

As this prayer is prayed, we are at the point of completing our participation in the Eucharistic feast and are ready to go out into the world to live our lives in reflection of him whose birth we celebrate. Our hearts have to be filled with enormous joy as we prepare to leave this gathering and be the Christ to others that will enable our union with him both here on earth and in the life to come. To paraphrase a known hymn – then how can I keep from singing his praises and sharing his love with all whom I meet?

Prayer:

O God of immense love, today we celebrate with great joy your gift to us of our Redeemer. As you did in ancient times, fill our lives with signs of your continuing concern for all peoples. Bring each of us to a place of peace where we can proclaim your love without hesitation to all whom we encounter in our daily lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King. Amen.

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