

Reading and prayer 24th December 2020

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2 :1- 7

Father Almighty, we remember with thanksgiving the events of long ago which caused our Saviour Jesus Christ to be brought into the world. For those who were obedient to your call; Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi we give thanks. We pray that hearts will see beyond the nativity scene of baby in a manger, surrounded by adoring faces, to an event that changed the world and continues to send out the message of salvation to all who will receive it. Amen

