

Octave of Christmas

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**FIRST READING**

They will call down my name on the children of Israel,
and I will bless them.

A reading from the book of Numbers

6:22-27

The LORD told Moses to tell Aaron and his sons
what they must say to bless the people of Israel.

It was:

“I pray that the LORD will bless and protect you.
May the LORD show kindness and mercy to you.
May he be good to you and give you peace.”

Then the LORD said,
“If they speak in my name to the people of Israel,
I will bless them.”

The word of the Lord.

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67:1-2, 5 and 7

R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.

**Our God, be kind and bless us!
Be pleased and smile.
Then everyone on earth
will learn to follow you,
and all nations will see
your power to save us.**

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

**Make everyone praise you
and shout your praises.
Pray for his blessings to continue
and for everyone on earth
to worship our God.**

R. May God bless us in his mercy.