## **Blessing of the Posada**

**Litany** Leader:

Jesus, born in a stable

All: Bring hope to the homeless

Leader: Jesus, child of Mary and Joseph

All: Bring hope to all families

Leader: Jesus, light of the world

All: Bring hope to the dark places of this world

Leader: Jesus, bearer of peace

All: Bring hope to those suffering from conflict and war

Leader: Jesus, who fled to another country

All: Bring hope to all refugees

Leader: Jesus, who was hungry in the desert All: Bring hope to the poor and starving

Leader: Jesus, who died for us

All: Bring hope to those near death

Leader: Jesus, Son of God, Messiah

All: Bring us hope this Christmas. Amen.

## **Blessing**

Heavenly Father.

look kindly on those families who this Advent will provide shelter to these figures.

May their actions be but a symbol of their wider generosity to all in need.

Bless these figures of Mary & Joseph

and bless and protect the homes they will visit.

Bring all us to a deeper sense of Christ's presence in our lives.

We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord

Amen.

## **Hand Over**

Leader: Will you take these figures of Mary & Joseph and the donkey into your

home?

Receivers: We will.

Leader: May they be a symbol to you of taking the Lord Jesus into your hearts.

Receivers: Amen.