NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD JESUS

V. O God, (✠) come to my assistance!
R. O Lord, make haste to help me!
V. Glory be (✠) to the Father...
R. As it was in the beginning...

V. Jesus (✠), sweetest Child, who didst come down from the bosom of the Father for our salvation,
R. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, who didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb, and who, being the Word made flesh, didst take upon Thee the form of a servant;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (✠), have mercy on us.

V. Jesus (✠), sweetest Child, who by means of Thy Virgin Mother didst visit Saint Elizabeth,
R. Who didst fill Thy forerunner, John the Baptist, with Thy Holy Ghost and didst sanctify him in his mother’s womb;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (✠), have mercy on us.

V. Jesus (✠), sweetest Child, who enclosed for nine months in Thy Mother’s womb, wast looked for with eager expectation by the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph,
R. And wast offered by God the Father for the salvation of the world;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (✠), have mercy on us.

V. Jesus (✠), sweetest Child, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes
R. And laid in a manger, announced by angles and visited by shepherds;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (✠), have mercy on us.

V. All honor, laud and glory be,
O Jesus (✠), Virgin-born to Thee;
R. All Glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.
V. Jesus (†), sweetest Child, who didst dwell in Egypt,
R. With most holy Mary and the Patriarch, Saint Joseph until the death of Herod;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (†), have mercy on us.

V. Jesus (†), sweetest Child, who didst return from Egypt to the land of Israel with Thy parents,
R. Suffering many hardships in the way, and didst enter into the city of Nazareth;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (†), have mercy on us.

V. Jesus (†), sweetest Child, who didst dwell most holily in the holy house at Nazareth,
R. In subjection to Thy parents, wearied by poverty and toil, and didst increase in wisdom, age and grace;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (†), have mercy on us.

V. Jesus (†), sweetest Child, brought to Jerusalem at twelve years of age,
R. Sought by Thy parents sorrowing and found with joy after three days in the midst of the doctors;
All: Have mercy on us, Child Jesus (†), have mercy on us.

V. All honor, laud and glory be, O Jesus (†), Virgin-born to Thee;
R. All Glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

V. The Word was made flesh, alleluia.
R. And dwelt amongst us, alleluia.

V. O Divine Child Jesus (†), I have recourse to Thee.
R. Through Thy holy Mother, I implore Thee to assist me in this, my necessity; * for I firmly believe that Thou canst aid me. * I confidently hope to attain Thy holy grace. * I love Thee with my whole heart and my whole soul. * I am heartily sorry for my sins and I entreat Thee, O good Jesus (†), * to give me strength to overcome them. * I am firmly resolved never to offend Thee again, * and to suffer everything rather than displease Thee.

V. Henceforth, I wish to serve Thee faithfully.
R. For love of Thee, O Divine Child, I will love my neighbor as myself. O Jesus (†), omnipotent Child, I entreat Thee again to come to my assistance in this necessity:

V. [State Your Intentions]
V. O most holy and Divine Child,
R. Grant that I may possess Thee eternally, with Mary and Joseph, and adore Thee with Thy holy angels and saints in heaven. Amen.

V. In the Name of the Father (†)...  
R. Amen.

Suggested Intentions
(1) That Bishop Mark Seitz may always do the Divine Will and be a holy and heroic bishop for El Paso;
(2) The restoration and growth of traditional Catholic parish life in El Paso, Las Cruces, and the world;
(3) And provide for the spiritual and physical needs of Fr. Rodriguez, and that he return to El Paso.