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.