*9 Months with Christ in the Womb*

2024 Edition

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**March 24—Week 1**

This is the week that Jesus came into existence as a human being. Through a biological mystery that no earthly person will ever fully understand, the power of the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and caused her to conceive. How fortunate we all are that she said yes. Jesus in the womb, Hear our prayers!

**March 31—Week 2**

Though Mary does not yet feel our savior inside her, he is growing rapidly! One single divine cell becomes two, then four, and eight. Jesus, looking like a tiny ball, implants himself in Mary’s uterus this week. Through this bond, she will provide for all his needs. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**April 7—Week 3**

Jesus is now two circular rows of cells which contain all the nutrients he will need until the placenta forms. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**April 14—Week 4**

The placenta which connects Jesus to his mother is now fully formed, but what is far more exciting is that his Sacred Heart, so full of love for humanity, is beginning to develop. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**April 21—Week 5**

Things are picking up! Jesus is rapidly developing a nervous system. Beginnings of a digestive system and respiratory system are in place, and he even has small buds where his arms and legs will grow. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**April 28—Week 6**

Jesus’ mouth, nostrils, ears, and eyes are becoming more defined this week, and his lungs are growing at a notable pace. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**May 5—Week 7**

Those precious little fingers and toes are forming this week! Pigment has begun to develop in the eyes that will look on so many with profound love. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**May 12—Week 8**

The tip of our Lord’s little nose has formed this week, as well as his bottom. He is still very fragile at a length of just under an inch and weighing only one tenth of an ounce. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**May 19—Week 9**

By the end of this week, all of Jesus’ vital organs have formed and begun working together. He even has the beginning of teeth forming in his mouth. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**May 26—Week 10**

Jesus is now about two inches long. His head is humongous compared to the rest of his body, but his masculine biological characteristics are also clearly present. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**June 2—Week 11**

Jesus now has fingernails, toenails, and functioning kidneys. He even drinks in the amniotic fluid that surrounds him. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**June 9—Week 12**

Jesus just put his thumb in his mouth for the first time today. Though he is not yet strong enough to suck on it, he soon will be. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**June 16—Week 13**

Jesus is now over three and a half inches long and weighs more than one and a half ounces. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**June 23—Week 14**

Due to Mary’s delicate little teenage frame, it has become very evident to her that she is pregnant. Inside, Jesus is developing muscles and beginning to flex his hands, legs, and wrists a lot. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**June 30—Week 15**

Jesus squinted his face up for the first time yesterday. He can also move his head a little from side to side in that highly buoyant amniotic sac we call his home. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**July 7—Week 16**

Jesus is growing fast now! He is five inches long and weighs five ounces. The cord connecting him to Mary is also getting bigger to better support the healthy growing boy. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**July 14—Week 17**

Jesus first heard the sound of his mother’s heartbeat today. Its steady drumming is a comfort to Him. He also saw his first flickers of brightness when his mother stood in the sunshine. The Light of the world has seen his first rays of sunlight. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**July 21—Week 18**

Jesus is beginning to develop thick brown fat cells this week. They will prove pretty important on a cool December night in Bethlehem in the near future. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**July 28—Week 19**

Jesus is already halfway done his time in his first home on earth. He weighs eleven ounces and is just over six inches long. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**August 4—Week 20**

This week, bone marrow inside Jesus has begun to develop his precious blood, which will one day be shed as wine for all of us. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**August 11—Week 21**

Jesus is developing taste buds this week. Mary is starting to feel as though things must be crammed pretty tight insider her. Jesus has learned how to run his hand against his cheek. He likes the sensation and does it a lot. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**August 18—Week 22**

Jesus is moving around a lot this week as if he is an exercise enthusiast. Mary loves the sensation, knowing that these are the earliest moments in which any human being is getting to feel the physical presence of God! Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**August 25—Week 23**

Jesus now has a sense of balance inside his mother. He can even tell whether he is upside or right-side up, but he still spends the majority of his time right-side up. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**September 1—Week 24**

Jesus heard the voice of his earthly father, Joseph for the first time this week. Its strong reassuring quality put Jesus right to sleep. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**September 8—Week 25**

Jesus will blink for the first time later this week. Dark eyelashes are growing in, and he weighs about two pounds. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**September 15—Week 26**

Jesus is hard at work developing his immune system this week. He has also come to recognize the distinct voices of his father and each of his maternal grandparents, Anna and Joachim. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**September 22—Week 27**

The folds and grooves in Jesus’s brain are expanding and getting more complex at this stage. He also boasts of a healthy head of hair as well. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**September 29—Week 28**

Mary is feeling a lot of shortness of breath, as Jesus continues to take up more room inside her. She is also experiencing a remarkable level of fetal activity, especially at night. Her little boy is going to be strong, and aptly prepared to learn the family trade of carpentry. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**October 6—Week 29**

Little Jesus is getting the hiccups this week! This of course brings joyful laughter to his mother, and don’t worry. They don’t hurt him. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**October 13—Week 30**

Jesus now weighs three and a half pounds, and he is also eleven inches long. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**October 20—Week 31**

With only two months left till delivery, Jesus looks just like he will on the day he is born. From this point in his development, even children born prematurely in first century Israel would have some odds of surviving outside the womb. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**October 27—Week 32**

Jesus has become quite the little explorer. He moves his hands around to feel out his environment. He is also sensitively attuned to changes in his mother’s heartbeat and breathing. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**November 3—Week 33**

Jesus has gotten so big that he is now quite stuck with his head facing downward. This is not uncomfortable for him, though. It’s also a good thing, since it is the position he will need to be in when he is delivered in a few weeks! Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**November 10—Week 34**

Jesus now weighs five and a half pounds! He has gotten so big inside the small frame of his mother that he cannot move around as much as he used to. It won’t be long now! Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**November 17—Week 35**

Jesus has discovered a new favorite activity, sucking on his thumb! At six pounds, he is starting to look adorably plump and very healthy. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**November 24—Week 36**

Jesus is developing increased coordination this week. He has begun holding grasping things in his little hands, things like his ears, his knees, and even his umbilical cord once or twice. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**December 1—Week 37**

We are now in the month that Jesus will be born! Today, he is getting acquainted with a new sensation. His mother has been riding a donkey all day, and its steady rocking motion keeps lulling him back to sleep. Then, a jolt will occasionally wake him back up. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**December 8—Week 38**

Mary’s body is flooding Jesus with antibodies this week as he gets ready for the big day. These will support his natural immune system for most of the first year of life outside the womb. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

**December 15—Week 39**

Today, Jesus weighs seven pounds thirteen ounces. He is full of wrinkles, blotches, and dry spots on his skin, but he is beautiful beyond all reckoning. He is getting some much needed rest for later this week. Jesus of the womb, Pray for us!

**December 22—Week 40**

As the birth of Jesus approaches, Mary may start to feel her body prepare to deliver this beautiful baby boy. Her arms cannot wait to hold this precious gift from God. As she and Joseph prepare to welcome their baby who is ready to meet them, they entrust their family to God. Jesus of the womb, Pray for us!

**December 25**

With tears of joy on her face, Mary beholds her child for the first time today. Light for all the world is brightening their little stable. Joseph is silent in wonder at the sight of his perfect adopted son. Shepherds will not arrive for another hour, so this first quiet moment of happiness is reserved just for the holy family… and a few barn animals. Jesus meets the world with his eyes open, a little king ready to continue his sacred journey through life. Jesus, Light of the World, Hear our prayers!

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