

All things —

. . . the cold, the darkness, the roughness of the straw, the unpleasant smells, concentrated their arrows of suffering on the tender Body of the Baby Jesus that had just been born in the inhospitable stable. Sensitive in the extreme, the Child-God quivered with pain, and surely broke into infant wails. He willed to be as an ordinary child. And all who wished to be with Jesus — to come close to Him — were drawn into the miserable surroundings of the stable, first Mary and Joseph and then the shepherds. They all had, in order to get near Him to suffer the same cold, the same misery, the same abandonment — to share in everything which provided a marked contrast to the scenes of merriment that were taking place elsewhere in the world outside. And so it must be with us! The closer we get to Jesus, the more must we share in His suffering. THERE CAN BE NO OTHER WAY!



Our Abbey's Spiritual Bouquet

On Christmas Morning, we will ask the Infant Jesus to make your happiness greater through the prayers we offer Him for you.

In our Masses and Holy Communions, your intentions will be remembered in a very special way to express our profound gratitude for your goodness to us.

We pray also for your families, your beloved children, your sick and your departed loved ones.

*The Abbot
and the Monks of
Christ the King Abbey*