St. Nicholas

Holy patron of children, saintly and generous bishop, inspire us to give gifts of ourselves and our time.

Give us your blessing so that we might fill with sincerity each greeting we speak and send.

Smiling saint of sweets and toys,

help us stay youthful and mirthful, playful and joyful so that we can celebrate every day as Christmas.

Patron Saint of generosity,

arouse us to an evergreen extravagance in loving and in giving gifts to those we love and to the poor.

Patron of the un-thanked,

who always slips away before you can be thanked, incite us to be like you. --Edward Hays