

# ADVENT

A PREPARATION  
FOR CELEBRATION



## DAY 1 - Romans 15:13

*Today, set up your wreath and advent candles.  
The first week's candle represents HOPE.  
Light your first advent candle and read Romans 15:13.*

Reflect on the hope that we have through Jesus and ask God to fill you with the joy and peace He offers. Pray that during this advent season the Holy Spirit will provide the hope you need in your life.

## DAY 2 - Read Jeremiah 29:11

Reflect on how God has been faithful in your life and ask for Him to continue His faithfulness in and through you. Pray that God will use you to show His faithfulness to others this Christmas season.

## DAY 3 - Read Jeremiah 29:12

Reflect on how God hears each of your prayers. Ask for ways to encourage others about this truth and pray in thanksgiving for the goodness He provides in your life.

## DAY 4 - Read Jeremiah 29:13

Reflect on what it looks like to seek God with all of your heart. Ask for your heart to open so that you may know more of Him and pray that you can show the love of Jesus to everyone you meet.

## **DAY 5 - Read Micah 5:2**

*The second Sunday in Advent represents LOVE.  
Light your first two advent candles and read Micah 5:2.*

Reflect on the ways Jesus is the ruler of your life. Ask for Him to continue leading you on the path He has called you to. Pray that you will trust in Him to guide you each step of the way.

## **DAY 6 - Read Micah 5:3-4**

Reflect on how Jesus shepherds His flock of people. Ask how you can shepherd those in your life and pray that God will use you to draw people closer to Him.

## **DAY 7 - Read Micah 5:5a**

Reflect on how simple yet powerful this verse is to describe the peace given by Jesus. What area of your life do you need His peace? Ask for Jesus to bring you comfort and pray for those who don't know Him.

## **DAY 8 - Read Micah 6:8a**

Reflect on how all good things come from our Savior. Ask God how you can be good to others and pray that they experience His presence through your actions.

## **DAY 9 - Read Micah 6:8b**

Reflect on what it looks like to walk humbly with our God. Ask Him to keep you on the path He has designed in the coming new year and pray for ways to show kindness to everyone you meet.

## **DAY 10 - Read Isaiah 9:6-7**

Reflect on how our Lord is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace in your life. Ask God how you can share the zeal of the Lord with others and pray in thanksgiving that through Him, peace will see no end.

## **DAY 11 - Read Isaiah 26:3-4**

Reflect on ways you can trust in the Lord with your life. Ask for humility as you cast your worries to God and pray that your mind continues to stay on Him this advent season.

## **DAY 12 - Read John 13:34-35**

*The third Sunday in Advent represents JOY.  
Light the first three advent candles and read John 13:34-35.*

Reflect on ways others can know you are a disciple of Jesus. Ask how your joy can be an encouragement to those around you and pray for the courage to love others like Jesus so that they can experience true joy this Christmas season.

## **DAY 13 - Read 1 John 3:1**

Reflect on what it means to be a child of God. Ask how you can help the world know more about our Heavenly Father and pray for lives to change this advent season.

## **DAY 14 - Read 1 John 4:7-9**

Reflect on how God has called us to love one another. Ask how you can praise Him for sending His Son into the world and pray for opportunities to experience Christ's love in your life.

## **DAY 15 - Read Luke 1:13-17**

Reflect on the relief that Zechariah and Elizabeth must have experienced in finding out their prayer would be answered. Ask God what unanswered prayers He could speak into in your life and pray for His truth to be revealed.

## **DAY 16 - Read Luke 1:18-25**

Reflect on how patient Zechariah and Elizabeth were as they waited for their child. Ask God how you can show more patience in your life. Pray that God will give you the strength to be patient, and trust in Him and His perfect plan.

## **DAY 17 - Read Luke 1:26-29**

Reflect on the truth that the Lord is always with you. Ask how you can use this knowledge to experience more peace in your life and pray that God will send you frequent reminders that He will never leave you.

## **DAY 18 - Read Luke 1:30-33**

Reflect on ways you have found favor with God. Ask if there are ways to honor Him more during this season and pray for opportunities to share of His goodness.

## **DAY 19 - Read Luke 1:34-36**

*The fourth Sunday in Advent represents PEACE.  
Light the first four advent candles and read Luke 1:34-36.*

Reflect on a specific time God chose you to carry out His mission. Ask for new opportunities to share the gospel and pray that everyone will be open to receiving the peace that only Jesus can provide this Christmas season and always.

## **DAY 20 - Luke 1:37-38**

Reflect on a situation you have experienced that seemed impossible, but through God, turned into something miraculous. Ask yourself what feels impossible now and pray for a belief that nothing will be impossible with God.

## **DAY 21 - Read Matthew 1:18-21**

Reflect on a time when you've been fearful, but God got you through the situation. Ask yourself if you've been experiencing any unnecessary fears this Christmas season and pray for strength to trust in Him.

## **DAY 22 - Read Matthew 1:22-25**

Reflect on an experience where the Lord fulfilled what was needed in your life. He is the ultimate provider. Ask yourself how you can provide for others and pray that God gives you the abilities to do so.

## **DAY 23 - Read Galatians 4:4-5**

Reflect on a time God sent someone into your life at the exact right moment. He is always intentional and faithful. Ask how you can be intentional with the people in your life and pray for new people to share the love of Jesus with in 2023.

## **DAY 24 - Read Luke 2:1-7**

*This final day of advent represents CHRIST.  
Light all of the advent candles and read Luke 2:1-7.*

Reflect on this advent season.  
Ask yourself how you have experienced Jesus' hope, love, joy, and peace in 2022.  
Pray in gratitude to God for sending our greatest gift, Jesus.



**OLIVE BRANCH**  
CATHOLIC