



24 Days

OF SCRIPTURE, WORSHIP,
& PRAYERS

*to Lead Us
through Advent*

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Crosswalk

Advent is a cherished season of reflection and hope for Christians worldwide, marked by the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Rooted in the anticipation of Jesus Christ's arrival, Advent invites believers to meditate on the mystery of God coming in the flesh. While some observe formal traditions, such as special services, many use this time for informal prayer, praise, and reflection. This season also renews our hope for the Second Advent, when Jesus will return victoriously to establish a new heaven and earth, encouraging us to persevere with the same hope-filled anticipation the Israelites had as they awaited the First Advent.

At Crosswalk, we aim to nurture your hope during Advent by offering a guide with weekly Scriptures tied to each candle: hope, peace, joy, and love. Alongside these Scriptures, you'll find suggested songs to sing or listen to and prayers to close each day. May this Advent season fill your heart with the profound hope, peace, joy, and love that only Jesus Christ can bring!

December 1:



IN WHAT MIRACULOUS MANNER JESUS ARRIVED

Scripture:

“Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.” - Isaiah 7:14

Worship Song:

“O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel”

By: Chris Tomlin

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Oh God, you are good and wise in how you work. How thankful I am that you came down from heaven to be “with us,” as the name Immanuel says. Your presence among us was and is a miracle and a mystery. You were with us in Jesus, walking among us. You are with us even now, in the Holy Spirit, residing in us and guiding us. How grateful I am! Praise your holy name. Amen.



December 2:



IT ALL RESTS ON JESUS

Scripture:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” - Isaiah 9:6

Worship Song:

Handel's Messiah

By: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Jesus, you are the name above all names. King of Kings, lord of Lords. The Alpha and the Omega. It all begins and ends with you. Because of this, I can look to you for wisdom and counsel, and you will never mislead or misguide us. I praise you, Lord Jesus, as Almighty God and Father. Amen.



December 3:

JESUS AS WISE KING



Scripture:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.” - Jeremiah 23:5

Worship Song:

What Child Is This?

By: Phil Wickham

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Jesus, our righteous branch, “remove the veil of darkness that shrouds the nations. Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death. Bring deliverance from demonic oppression. Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease. Fill us with courage to preach Your word fearlessly, and to intercede for the lost faithfully. Almighty God, deliver us from evil” (from Global Day of Prayer 2009).



December 4:



JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS

Scripture:

“For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

- Psalm 22:16-17

Worship Song:

Born to Die

By: The Hamilton Family

Notes

Advent Prayer:

“Heavenly Father, I cannot begin to grasp what Christ had to endure on the cross on my account. May my life reflect eternal love and gratitude for my precious Savior. Thank You that He died for me. I pray that I might live for Him. In Jesus’ name. Amen” (from Knowing Jesus.com).



December 5:

IN JESUS ALONE SINS ARE FORGIVEN



Notes

Scripture:

"But he was pierced for
our transgressions; he was
crushed for our iniquities"
- Isaiah 53:5

Worship Song:

In Christ Alone

By: Keith & Kristyn Getty

Advent Prayer:

*Jesus, how can I even begin to thank you for the
trial and torture you endured on my behalf. I
cannot. I can only humbly say, "Thank you," and
let my life express the gratitude I feel for having
been the recipient of your love, mercy, and grace.
Amen.*



December 6:

JESUS IS MY ONLY HOPE



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Scripture:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

- Hebrews 6:19a

Worship Song:

Solid Rock

By: Avalon

Advent Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, for being my firm hope. Because of your birth, death, and resurrection, my hope of an eternal inheritance is secure. It will "never perish, spoil, or fade" (1 Peter 1:4). It is being "kept" (guarded) by God in heaven for me. Amen.



December 7:



CHRIST'S RETURN

Scripture:

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." - Daniel 7:13-14

Notes

Worship Song:

Come Jesus Come

By: CeCe Winans

Advent Prayer:

Father, like the Israelites of old, I am clinging to the hope of this promise that Jesus will return. Help me to wait expectantly and patiently. I long for this day to arrive, when I will be with you forever, rejoicing, praising, and crying, "Holy, holy, holy" with all my fellow saints in heaven. Come, Lord Jesus. Come! Amen.



December 8:

OUT OF BETHLEHEM



Scripture:

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”
- Micah 5:2

Worship Song:

O Little Town of Bethlehem
By: Chris Tomlin

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Father God, how amazing that out of the least expected of places you called the Greatest, your Son, the promised Messiah! I praise you for that night when Jesus was born as the fulfillment of your good promise to provide a Savior. Blessed Bethlehem, the witness to the birth of a King.



December 9:



MARY'S HUMBLE SURRENDER

Scripture:

And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.' ...And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her." - Luke 1:26-38

Notes

Worship Song:

I Surrender All

By: Carrie Underwood

Advent Prayer:

O God, how I long, like Mary, to surrender to you everything. To be a servant without reservation or hesitation. This day, I surrender to you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and all my hopes, plans, and dreams to you and your purposes. Take and receive, O God. Take and use, for your glory and the good of others. Amen.



December 10:



THE JOURNEY UNDERTAKEN

Scripture:

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child."

- Luke 2:1-6

Worship Song:

O Holy Night

By: Josh Groban

Notes

Advent Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, how I praise and thank you for your amazing plan of redemption and the precision timing and interlinking events that caused the Lord Jesus to be born in Bethlehem so that the words that were spoken by prophets of old would be carried out perfectly, for Your greater glory. Open my eyes to see glorious things in your Word so that the familiar story of Christ's birth in Bethlehem becomes increasingly thrilling to my soul as I see Your supernatural hand working tirelessly in the natural world and spiritual sphere. Praise Your holy name, Amen" (from Knowing Jesus).



December 11:



BEFITTING GIFTS BESTOWED

Scripture:

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him'... And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

- Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

Worship Song:

Joy to the World
By: Phil Wickham

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Gracious God, I rejoice in the Magi, in how they show me the lengths to which I should come to you in worship and adoration, how they offered their very best to Jesus. May my own tithes and talents be given to you out of the abundance of my resources and heart, because you are worthy. Amen.



December 12:



PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Notes

Scripture:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- Romans 5:1

Worship Song:

When Peace Like a River

Advent Prayer:

Glorious God, how grateful I am that Jesus bore the wrath that should have been mine as your enemy. He took on my sins that I might be forgiven. Because of your free gift of grace through faith, I now know peace. This peace you gave (and continue to give) me freely. Amen.



December 13:



LIVE PEACEABLY

Notes

Scripture:

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

- Romans 12:18

Worship Song:

Lord Make Me an Instrument
of Peace

By: Drakensberg Boys Choir

Advent Prayer:

Dearest Jesus, because you are the Prince of Peace, you made a way for me to have peace, first with God, and second with mankind. Help me to live peaceably with all, even those I disagree with or have difficulty loving. Make me an instrument of peace, Jesus. Your peace! Amen.



December 14:



A MIND AT PEACE

Notes

Scripture:

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

- Isaiah 26:3

Worship Song:

Stayed on Him

By: Terrian

Advent Prayer:

Blessed Father, I pray that my heart and mind are wholly centered on you as I go about my day. I want to walk by and in the Spirit and remain steadfast and immovable, even when I am tempted to become anxious, fearful, or dismayed. I trust you, God, and I trust in your perfect plan for my life. Amen.



December 15:



BORN TO BRING US JOY

Notes

Scripture:

“And the angel said to them,
‘Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy
that will be for all the
people.”

- Luke 2:10

Worship Song:

Born to Bring Us Joy

By: Angie Killian

Advent Prayer:

*Jesus, by coming to earth, you have brought me
so much joy! Joy in being forgiven of my sins. Joy
in being healed and made spiritually whole. Joy
in giving me salvation. Joy in being with me
always now, and joy in knowing I will be with you
forever in heaven. Amen.*



December 16:



FEAR-FILLED HEARTS

Scripture:

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.”

- Luke 2:8-9

Worship Song:

The Shepherd's Song

By: TrueSong.

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Dear Father, I sing exuberantly, “Glory to God in the Highest. Emmanuel God with us.” Exalted are you, O Lord, among the heavens and the earth. What a glorious and wonderful event is the birth of your Son. I am filled with great fear (awe), like the shepherds, and with rejoicing. Praise your holy name! Amen.



December 17:



SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL

Scripture:

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

- John 10:11, 27-28

Worship Song:

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

By: 4Him

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Good Shepherd and Savior Jesus, watch over me this day. Guide my steps. Direct my thoughts. Be my voice, that I may speak of your excellencies. Lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil. Help me to follow you wholly, Lord, and to hear your voice daily, that I might know your will and obey it. Amen.



December 18:



JESUS, MY JOY AND MY DELIGHT

Scripture:

“When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.”

- Jeremiah 15:16

“My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I whom you have delivered.” - Psalm 71:23

Worship Song:

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

By: The Tabernacle Choir

Notes

Advent Prayer:

“Heavenly Father, thank you for your written Word and for Jesus Christ, the living Word of God. I pray that your Word would become a joy to me and the delight of my heart, for I have been called by your name and saved by the blood of the Lamb. I pray that I may be a doer of the Word and always trust in its precepts and promises, no matter what difficulties and dangers I may have to undergo, as an individual or nationally. Help me to hold fast that which is good and do only those things that are pleasing in your sight. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen” (from Knowing Jesus.com).



December 19:



JESUS, THE GLADNESS OF MY HEART

Notes

Scripture:

“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

- Psalm 32:11

Worship Song:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

By: JJ Heller

Advent Prayer:

Yahweh, I long to find my joy in you always, even on my darkest days and through my darkest trials. In you alone do I find gladness of heart, for you came to bring salvation, joy, and peace to all mankind, including me. When all else is bleak, I will rejoice in that and shout your praises. Amen.



December 20:



SIMEON BEHOLDS THE SAVIOR

Scripture:

“The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So, when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Lord, now I can die in peace! As you promised me, I have seen the Savior you have given to all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!’”
- Luke 2:25-32

Notes

Worship Song:

Good Christian Men Rejoice

By: Robert Shaw Chorale

Advent Prayer:

O Father, what a delight it must have been for Simeon to finally behold (and hold!) the Christ Child. Lord, I long to see you face-to-face as Simeon did. Help me to be patient and content until that day. In the meantime, I know that you are with me always, and I am grateful. Amen.



December 21:



INEXPRESSIBLE JOY

Scripture:

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

- 1 Peter 1:8

Worship Song:

Joy of the Lord

By: Rend Collective

Notes

Advent Prayer:

“What joy fills my heart, Father, when I anticipate what it will be like to be in your presence, to have you wipe each tear from my eyes and introduce me again to those I love and those I’ve known only by reputation. Please never let me outlive that sense of anticipation and never let that hope dim in my heart, no matter what else may happen here. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen” (from heartlight.org).



December 22:



GLORY TO GOD

Scripture:

And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!'

- Luke 2:8-14

Notes

Worship Song:

Angels We Have Heard on High
By: for King & Country

Advent Prayer:

Lord, how can I not but erupt in praise and prayer when I consider that you loved me enough to be born of the flesh, live as a human being in a corrupt and cruel world, and brought peace between God and man through a death you did not deserve. All glory to you, God in the highest! Amen.



December 23:

GOSPEL FEET



Notes

Scripture:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.”

- Romans 10:15

Worship Song:

Go Tell it on the Mountain

By: Josh Turner

Advent Prayer:

Holy Spirit, stir my heart to spread the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. Burden my heart for the lost and embolden me to speak your truth in the midst of this dark and dangerous world. It is a privilege to be a part of God's missional work. Help me to be a faithful ambassador for Jesus Christ.

Amen.



December 24:



LOVE TAKES ON FLESH

Scripture:

“The time came for the baby to be born, and [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”

- Luke 2:6-7

Worship Song:

What Child Is This?

By: Josh Groban

Notes

Advent Prayer:

Immanuel, God with us, you came once as a vulnerable, helpless babe. But no ordinary babe. You were absolute, unconditional love, taking on flesh. You were born to love because you are love. You died because of your love for sinful mankind. Indeed, what kind of Child is this? I cannot fathom such love, but I am ever grateful for it. Teach me, Lord Jesus, to love like you. Amen.



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