



humble and holy

DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025–2026

DAILY PRAYERS

Week 1 (Nov 30–Dec 6)

- 11.30** Even when we trip over our good intentions, O God, guide our days this Advent season. Give us confidence and hope in this time of waiting, and empower us to carry your message of love to all the world. Amen.
- 12.1** Jesus my Lord and leader at my side, please guide, encourage, and strengthen my flagging steps, and help me to accompany others along the way. Amen.
- 12.2** Holy God, we need you and we need one another on this Advent journey. Focus our hearts and minds on your voice and your teaching. Be with us as we follow your love, wherever you may take us. Amen.
- 12.3** Lord, lead us in your radical way of peace. Banish our desire to hide or to fight. Instead, embolden us with love for our neighbors throughout the world. Amen.
- 12.4** God of the thin places, of the in-between, of all times and locations, thank you for the gift of your Son, today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.
- 12.5** Transformational God, birth in us your ways of love for a world in need. Amen.
- 12.6** Dear Jesus, we are often impatient. Help us to stay in the moment as we prepare and wait for your arrival. Amen.

Week 2 (Dec 7–13)

- 12.7** Jesus, grant us patience and courage as we wait and watch for your coming, even as we live now in the promise and hope of God's reign. Amen.
- 12.8** God of truth and grace, open our hearts and minds to reach out to those for whom life is difficult. Help us to share the wonders of your love. In Jesus' holy name, amen.
- 12.9** Lord Jesus, move us and your church to embrace all people with humility and love, knowing you first embraced us. Amen.
- 12.10** Holy one, you created the vastness of the sea and the wonders of the heavens. Create in us an awareness of the vastness of your love and the wonder of your advent. Amen.
- 12.11** Empower us with your Spirit, O Lord, to break down barriers, fill in pitfalls, and straighten paths so everyone receives the good news that the Christ child is God's gift of love to all. Amen.

- 12.12** Merciful God, we need you. We need your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness. Through your Spirit, turn our hearts to you, wash us clean, and remind us again that we are all your children through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- 12.13** Spirit of the Living God, wash over us as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth and step into the future God is, even now, preparing for us. Burn in our hearts and lives so that we might bring the light and life of Christ wherever we go, Amen.

Week 3 (Dec 14–20)

- 12.14** Encourage us, God-with-us, to overcome our fears through the power of your living word. Amen.
- 12.15** Holy One, comfort and strengthen all who are far from friends or loved ones. Bring reconciliation, healing, and peace to every corner of the earth. Amen.
- 12.16** Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Mold me in your grace and use me to share your love. Amen.
- 12.17** Rekindle our faith, God, and help us to recognize your redeeming love at work in the world. Amen.
- 12.18** God of the past, present, and future, thank you for your promises and for people who remind me of your faithfulness. Amen.
- 12.19** God of hope and surprise, help us recognize the remarkable ways your grace unfolds all around us. Amen.
- 12.20** Giver of joy and peace, help us to see your face in new ways—and let the wonders of diversity bring both justice and joy to this world. Amen.

Week 4 (Dec 21–27)

- 12.21** Jesus, you are our salvation. Come into our lives and into the world today with your saving power and peace. Amen.
- 12.22** Mighty God, deliver us from the empty promises of empire and inspire us to live out your reign of justice and love. Amen.
- 12.23** Constant Friend, thank you for journeying with us all the days of our lives. Be with all who journey in fear this day. Help us to recognize you in every person we meet. Amen.
- 12.24** Holy child, instill in us gratitude for your humble appearance and openness to care for those who have been on the margins. Amen.
- 12.25** Christ our Savior, help us to receive, celebrate, and embody the good news of your coming. Amen.
- 12.26** Generous God, among the trappings of this season, grant us wisdom to receive the gifts you bring. Help us share those gifts with those in need. Amen.
- 12.27** Surprising God, we marvel at your presence—everywhere! Humble us to experience your truth from unexpected messengers. Amen.

Week 5 (Dec 28–Jan 3)

- 12.28** O Lord, protect all innocent ones who need safety, sustenance, and a place to call home. Open our hearts to the needs of refugees and inspire our churches to care for others the way Joseph cared for Jesus, offering protection and loving care. Amen.

- 12.29** God of compassion, I pray for all those whose grief is too great to bear. Grant me a listening ear and a patient heart as I encounter all who mourn during this Christmas season. Amen.
- 12.30** Merciful God, even as we face hard times, give us faith to look for your reign of peace among us now in Christ Jesus. Amen.
- 12.31** O God, in every day and every place, help us trust that you are our home through Jesus Christ. Amen.
- 1.1** Lord Jesus, help me embrace my own humble life as you embrace us all just as we are. Amen.
- 1.2** God of the universe, you know each star by name. Thank you for the bright star that leads us to the babe in the manger and the Savior of the galaxy. Amen.
- 1.3** Good Shepherd, thank you for being present with us, especially in the valleys of despair. We trust that you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Our lives are in your hands, and we are thankful. Amen.

Week 6 (Jan 4–6)

- 1.4** Thank you, God, for your Holy Spirit that leads us to all truth. Please prepare our hearts to receive your wisdom so that we may live into our baptismal calling to be your disciples. Amen.
- 1.5** Dear God, the world is starving for meaning, for direction, for hope. Thank you for guiding us as we continue to follow you on our faith journey. Amen.
- 1.6** Thank you, God, for the beauty of holy darkness. Help us to remember that the night is part of your good creation and to trust your presence in midnight moments. Amen.