

Bible passages

1. Isaiah 2:1-18
2. Isaiah 9:1-7
3. Isaiah 11:1-9
4. Isaiah 25:1-10
5. Isaiah 40
6. Isaiah 43:1-7
7. Isaiah 58
8. Luke 2:25-38
9. Samuel 3:1-18
10. Psalm 31
11. Isaiah 30:8-18
12. Ephesians 1:15-20
13. Jeremiah 29:10-14
14. 1 Corinthians 3
15. Matthew 3:1-12
16. Luke 3:10-22
17. Amos 5
18. James 1:19-27
19. 1 Timothy 6:3-19
20. Matthew 6
21. Luke 14:15-24
22. Luke 1:26-38
23. Luke 1:39-56
24. Luke 2:1-20
25. John 1:1-14
26. Matthew 2:1-12
27. Matthew 2:13-23
28. Philippians 2:5-11

Guidance for Daily Prayer in Advent

So many people missed what God was doing the first Christmas. They still do. We still do. The aim of this prayer guide is to help us make some room for Christ this Christmas. It can be a time of year that is busier than usual and yet the point of Advent is to attend to our lives, so we can be ready for Christ's coming. A time for making room, emptying out a little and setting priorities.

Be intentional with prayer, come with an expectancy that we will meet with God whether we feel it or not. Be available to God. Stillness and silence are time-honoured ways of connecting with God. Be attentive to the voices in scripture and allow them to help you make room for Christ this Christmas.

Psalms for the day

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Prayer Guide for Advent



**Make Room
for
Christ at Christmas**

Prayer in the Morning

- i) Pause. Be still. Be available to God.
- ii) Blessed are you, God of all
In your tender compassion you are present with us and all your Creation.
By your grace at work within us.
Prepare our lives that we might encounter Christ today.
- iii) We read the psalm for this morning.
- iv) We read the Bible passage for today.
- v) We reflect in silence on the passage.
- vi) We bring to God our concerns for today.
- vii) Loving God, as we look for your coming amongst us, open our eyes to behold your presence
And strengthen our hearts and hands to do your will.
Amen

Midday Prayer

An essential part of discipleship is concern for the poor, amongst whom Christ was born.

- i) In the middle of the day pause and be still for a moment
- ii) Bring before God our concern for those who are homeless, lonely, burdened by debt, afflicted by poverty, orphaned, refugees or afflicted by prejudice.
- iii) We pray for compassion, generosity and justice and offer ourselves as an answer to these prayers
- iv) We say the Lord's prayer
- v) **When the angel song is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks the work of Christmas begins.**

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nation, to bring peace among the people and to make music in the heart.

Amen

Prayer at Night

- i) Pause. Be still. Be with God
- ii) O God, you set before us the great hope that your Kingdom will come on earth, and you taught us to pray for its coming.
Give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning and make space for the presence of Christ with us and within us.
- iii) We read the psalm for this evening.
- iv) Pause and ponder where Christ was present this day.
- v) To you O Christ all Glory be
Whose advent sets your people free
Who with the Creator we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.
Amen