

# Daily Prayer for Advent



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(Disciples of Christ)

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# Week 1

## CENTERING

We gather in the name of the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
the Mighty God—  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Everlasting Parent,  
Prince of Peace +.

***Amen.***

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of hope.  
***Let us live in the light of God.***

## INVOCATION

Holy One,  
in this season of expectation  
dispel our fears and transform our hopes  
into dreams that mirror your wishes for this world  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Matthew 24:36-44

Monday

Psalm 124

Tuesday

Genesis 8.1-19

Wednesday

Romans 6.1-11

Thursday  
Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19

Friday  
Isaiah 41.1-11

Saturday  
John 1.19-28

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

- What images of hope do you encounter in the day's scripture reading?
- What images of hope do you see in your life and the life of the world?

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We trust in the Ancient and Everlasting One,  
who spoke creation into being  
and whose love upholds the universe.***

***We believe in the promise of hope  
born among us in a vulnerable infant  
who grows into the Truly Human One,  
who speaks truth and embodies grace,  
and whose life brings life to the world.***

***We depend upon the fire of the Spirit,  
overcoming evil,***

***working reconciliation,***

***establishing peace,***

***doing justice,***

***bringing healing,***

***binding us together***

***and giving birth to the beloved community  
in, through, and among us.***

***We look for the renewal of the heavens and the earth,  
when love shall at last fill the universe  
and all shall finally be made right.***

***Amen.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One,  
you give you thanks  
that you are always with us  
and always coming to us.  
Hear our prayers on behalf of all:

*The people may offer their thanksgivings and intercessions  
aloud or in silence.*

Prepare our hearts for the coming of your reign  
that our lives may embody faithful stewardship of creation,  
respect for every human being and every culture,  
unity with our kindred in Christ,  
a creative and critical engagement with those who govern,  
a prophetic witness for peace and justice,  
compassion for all who suffer,  
and honor for the lives of the saints  
who have shown us the way,  
for we pray in the name of Jesus, the hope of the world,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

***Amen.***

## THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Trusting in God our Mother,  
we are bold to pray in hope as Jesus taught us:

***God,  
lover of us all,  
most holy one,  
help us to respond to you,  
to create what you want for us here on earth.  
Give us today enough for our needs;  
forgive our weak and selfish ways  
and help us to forgive others when they hurt us.  
Teach us to resist evil  
and to do what is good;  
for we are yours,  
filled with your power  
to make this world whole.  
Amen.***

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Let us live in the joyful expectation  
of the coming reign of God  
and may we be embody hope  
to all whom we meet.

May the blessing of God:

our Creator, our Redeemer +, and our Sustainer  
be with us now and all the days of our lives.

***Amen.***

## Week 2

### CENTERING

We gather in the name of the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
the Mighty God—  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Everlasting Parent,  
Prince of Peace +.

***Amen.***

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of peace.

***Let us live in the light of God.***

### INVOCATION

Holy One,  
in this season of gentleness  
stir us from our complacency  
and awaken us to your fearful peace,  
empowering us to live in the way of Jesus,  
our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

### DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Matthew 3.1-12

Monday

Psalm 21

Tuesday

Isaiah 24.1-16a

Wednesday

Romans 15.14-21

Thursday  
Psalm 146.5-10

Friday  
Ruth 1.6-18

Saturday  
2 Peter 3.1-18

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

- What images of peace do you encounter in the day's scripture reading?
- What images of peace do you see in your life and the life of the world?

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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who spoke creation into being  
and whose love upholds the universe.***

***We believe in the promise of hope  
born among us in a vulnerable infant  
who grows into the Truly Human One,  
who speaks truth and embodies grace,  
and whose life brings life to the world.***

***We depend upon the fire of the Spirit,  
overcoming evil,***

***working reconciliation,***

***establishing peace,***

***doing justice,***

***bringing healing,***

***binding us together***

***and giving birth to the beloved community  
in, through, and among us.***

***We look for the renewal of the heavens and the earth,  
when love shall at last fill the universe  
and all shall finally be made right.***

***Amen.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One,  
you give you thanks  
that you are always with us  
and always coming to us.  
Hear our prayers on behalf of all:

*The people may offer their thanksgivings and intercessions  
aloud or in silence.*

Prepare our hearts for the coming of your reign  
that our lives may embody faithful stewardship of creation,  
respect for every human being and every culture,  
unity with our kindred in Christ,  
a creative and critical engagement with those who govern,  
a prophetic witness for peace and justice,  
compassion for all who suffer,  
and honor for the lives of the saints  
who have shown us the way,  
for we pray in the name of Jesus, the peace of the world,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

***Amen.***

## THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Trusting in God our Mother,  
we are bold to pray in hope as Jesus taught us:

***God,  
lover of us all,  
most holy one,  
help us to respond to you,  
to create what you want for us here on earth.  
Give us today enough for our needs;  
forgive our weak and selfish ways  
and help us to forgive others when they hurt us.  
Teach us to resist evil  
and to do what is good;  
for we are yours,  
filled with your power  
to make this world whole.  
Amen.***

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Let us live in the joyful expectation  
of the coming reign of God  
and may we be embody peace  
to all whom we meet.

May the blessing of God:

our Creator, our Redeemer +, and our Sustainer  
be with us now and all the days of our lives.

***Amen.***

## Week 3

### CENTERING

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the Mighty God—  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Everlasting Parent,  
Prince of Peace +.

***Amen.***

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of joy.

***Let us live in the light of God.***

### INVOCATION

Holy One,  
in this season of joy  
shatter our illusions about happiness  
and fill us with the lasting joy  
that comes as we follow Jesus,  
our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

### DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Matthew 11.2-11

Monday

Psalm 42

Tuesday

Isaiah 29.17-24

Wednesday

Acts 5.12-16

Thursday

Psalm 80.-1-7, 17-19

Friday

2 Samuel 7.1-17

Saturday

2 Samuel 7.18-29

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

- What images of joy do you encounter in the day's scripture reading?
- What images of joy do you see in your life and the life of the world?

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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who spoke creation into being  
and whose love upholds the universe.***

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***working reconciliation,***

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***binding us together***

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***We look for the renewal of the heavens and the earth,  
when love shall at last fill the universe  
and all shall finally be made right.***

***Amen.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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you give you thanks

that you are always with us

and always coming to us.

Hear our prayers on behalf of all:

*The people may offer their thanksgivings and intercessions aloud or in silence.*

Prepare our hearts for the coming of your reign

that our lives may embody faithful stewardship of creation,

respect for every human being and every culture,

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a creative and critical engagement with those who govern,

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compassion for all who suffer,

and honor for the lives of the saints

who have shown us the way,

for we pray in the name of Jesus, the joy of the world,

by the power of your Holy Spirit.

***Amen.***

## THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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we are bold to pray in hope as Jesus taught us:

***God,***

***lover of us all,***

***most holy one,***

***help us to respond to you,***

***to create what you want for us here on earth.***

***Give us today enough for our needs;***

***forgive our weak and selfish ways***

***and help us to forgive others when they hurt us.***

***Teach us to resist evil***

***and to do what is good;***

***for we are yours,***

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***to make this world whole.***

***Amen.***

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Let us live in the joyful expectation  
of the coming reign of God  
and may we be embody joy  
to all whom we meet.

May the blessing of God:  
our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer  
be with us now and all the days of our lives.

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## Week 4

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### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of love.  
***Let us live in the light of God.***

### INVOCATION

Holy One,  
in this season of sentimentality  
redeem our understanding of love  
through the life of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

### DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Matthew 1.18-25

Monday

Galatians 3.6-14

Tuesday

Isaiah 9.2-7

Wednesday

Isaiah 52.7-10

Thursday  
Psalm 148

Friday  
1 John 5.1-12

Saturday  
Jeremiah 31.15-22

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

What images of love do you encounter in the day's scripture reading?

What images of love do you see in your life and the life of the world?

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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## CHARGE AND BLESSING

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and may we be embody love  
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# Christmas

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of Christ.  
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## INVOCATION

Holy One,  
as hope, peace, joy, and love  
are born among us in Jesus Christ  
so may they be born in us  
as we seek to live in the way of Jesus,  
our Savior and Lord.

***Amen.***

## DAILY READINGS

Christmas Eve  
Luke 2.1-20

Christmas Day  
John 1.1-18

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***Amen.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving One,  
we give you thanks  
that you reveal your strength to us  
in the fragility of a tiny baby  
born to redeem the world.  
Hear our prayers on behalf of all:

*The people may offer their thanksgivings and intercessions  
aloud or in silence.*

May you be born in us, through us, and among us,  
that our lives may embody faithful stewardship of creation,  
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## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Let us rejoice in the gift of life  
that is born among us in Jesus Christ  
and may we share hope, peace, joy, and love  
with all whom we meet.

May the blessing of God:

our Creator, our Redeemer +, and our Sustainer  
be with us now and all the days of our lives.

***Amen.***



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The logo consists of a vertical red line on the left. To its right, the words "Queen Anne" are written in a red, cursive script. Below "Queen Anne", the words "CHRISTIAN CHURCH" are written in a black, uppercase, sans-serif font.

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