



DECEMBER 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

“The first step toward God is a step away from the lies of the world.”- A.W. Tozer

1 ADVENT

God of hope, as we begin this Advent season, may our hearts be filled with expectation, trusting in your promise of justice and righteousness. You, O Christ, are our righteousness, restoring us with mercy. Strengthen us to abound in love for one another and remind us that you are with us even amid our deepest worries.

2 REVELATION 21:3

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian calendar and reminds us of Christ's coming to us in the past, present, and future. In times of war and great turmoil in our world, we need to be reminded of God's greater story to shed light on current events. The Bible illustrates the great true story of God's arrival on earth in the Incarnation, the arrival of His own Spirit within His disciples, and the future hope of God's final advent in the glorious marriage of heaven and earth. The Bible ends with the sure hope of a new beginning, the greatest image of new creation and cosmic renewal. Reflect on Revelation 21:1-22:5. How does this description of Jesus' future reign speak to your deepest longings?

3 GCI-AUSTRALIA

Faithful Lord, we lift up our plans to care for our youth and children, recognizing the importance of nurturing them in faith and community. Thank you for the upcoming youth and family camp at the Gold Coast Recreation Centre and for the work being done to organize another in Victoria. We pray for your guidance and provision as we work to create more day camps and other meaningful opportunities for our young people. May these gatherings be filled with your Spirit, bringing joy, growth, and connection.

4 KANSAS CITY SOUTH, MISSOURI, US

Thank you, Lord, for our new church home in Belton, MO. As we begin to discover our place in this new location, Lord, we ask that you open our minds and open doors that we may share the gospel with many. Lord, we are also grateful for your presence in the hearts of our church family. Empower the unity of the Spirit within us as we relaunch the church as GC Belton.

5 MASTERTON, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Merciful Father, we gather in celebration and gratitude for the ordination of Emmanuel Ornejas. We thank you for the gifts and calling you have bestowed upon him, and we pray for your blessings as he steps into this new ministry. May your Spirit guide and empower him, filling him with wisdom, compassion, and courage as he serves your people and shares your love.





6 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, US

Loving God, we celebrate Pastor Kairis Colter-Chiaji and her instillation as pastor, praying that you would anoint her with wisdom, compassion, and strength. May her leadership be a source of encouragement for her congregation. Bless this fellowship with unity and purpose as they serve together, and may their witness reflect your love and grace to all. Empower Pastor Kairis to lead with joy and courage, grounded in your faithful presence.

7 PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY, US

Faithful Lord, we thank you for the time of fellowship and joy at our church picnic. It was a beautiful reminder of the community you call us to build. Bless the friendships formed and strengthened here, drawing us closer to one another and to you. May our gathering be a witness to our neighbors of your love and welcome, opening doors for new relationships and shared blessings. Unite us in your Spirit, that we may reflect your grace to all who join us.



PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

8 ADVENT

God of peace and promise, in this season of Advent, prepare our hearts to be messengers of your blessing. As we pause to remember your faithfulness and reflect on where you are leading us, may we be filled with your peace, ready to share the good news of your love. Just as you began a good work in us, we trust that you will bring it to completion, guiding us to carry your light into a world longing for hope. Strengthen us to proclaim your salvation, even as we walk in the assurance of your presence.

9 ISAIAH 9:2

It isn't difficult to recognize that the world we live in is filled with corruption, devastation, and disease. In Advent, we lament the darkness of our world while growing in anticipation for the full glory of God's kingdom, free from decay and death. In Advent, we ask God to open our eyes to what He is doing in us and in the world. God emptied Himself and entered the world for us, so we are to have the same mindset and demonstrate the same love. In what ways might Jesus be leading you to practice self-giving love this Advent and Christmas seasons (e.g., proving resources, working for justice, or preserving the environment)? Be open to practicing Jesus' self-giving love as an ongoing pattern of life outside of the holiday season.

10 SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, US

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of your presence among us, we pray your blessings upon Jose Lopez as we celebrate his ordination. May he honor you, as he joyfully joins with you, in the ministry you prepared for him.

11 CHIPINGE, ZIMBABWE

Loving Creator, we give thanks for the incredible visit to our church at the Tongogara Refugee Camp. We are grateful for the blessing of witnessing their love, resilience, and faithfulness. May your Spirit continue to strengthen this community, guiding them as they grow in faith and shine as a light in Chipinge and beyond. Glory to you, God, for the beauty of fellowship and the hope you bring to your people everywhere.

12 GOLDEN BEACH, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Ever-present Lord we gather with hearts filled with joy and gratitude for the two precious souls who responded to your loving embrace and were baptized. We celebrate the new life they have in Christ and the promise of redemption that baptism symbolizes. May their journeys be filled with faith, hope, and love, and may their lives be a shining testament to your grace.

13 CAPE TOWN SOUTH, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Loving Creator, we thank you for the gift of each life that gathered for our seniors luncheon and for the years of faith, wisdom, and kindness shared by our senior members. Bless each person with continued strength and grace, and may they feel your love surrounding them always.

14 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, US

Loving God, as we come together for this Teen Christmas party, we invite your joyous presence to fill our hearts with the warmth of celebration. Bless this gathering, deepening our connections with Christ and each other, making this event not only festive but also a meaningful step in our journey of faith and fellowship.

15 ADVENT

God of boundless joy, we lift our hearts in gratitude as we rejoice in the One who comes to bring salvation. This Advent, broaden our minds and deepen our love, that we may see your vision for us and all creation—a vision of peace, healing, and transformation. As we turn from self-interest to your purposes, fill us with joy that overflows in love and action. When we are overwhelmed, remind us to pray, knowing that your peace will guard our hearts and minds.



16 ISAIAH 40:3

The busyness of this time of year can make it difficult for us to reflect on and receive the saving message of Christmas. We may be experiencing a spiritual desert where we are thirsty for an oasis of peace and rest with the Lord. God wants to remove the obstacles that may be getting in the way of your communion with Him. As God prepares your heart to receive from Him this Advent, may this sacred time give you the space to rest in the light of His presence. Set aside a block of quiet time this week to prioritize being alone with God and listen for what He wants to say to you.

17 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, US

Faithful Lord, we are grateful for the years of ministry, fellowship, and growth you have blessed the Pasadena congregation with. Thank you for the faithfulness of those who have gone before and for the commitment of those who continue to serve. As they celebrate this anniversary, renew their vision, and guide them as they seek to be a light in their neighborhood. May their future be filled with your love, unity, and purpose.

18 SURREY HILLS, OKLAHOMA, US

Source of love, we thank you for the transformational work in the lives of our recently baptized members, and we pray that you continue to guide and sustain them on their journey of faith. Grant them strength and courage to walk in your ways, surrounded by your love and supported by your grace. May their lives be a testament to your power and your presence.

19 BIG SANDY, TEXAS, US

Holy One, we thank you for our Wednesday games nights where we come together for fun and to build friendships. Bless each participant with laughter and joy, and may they feel safe and accepted. Help us to grow closer as a community and remind us that your love is at the center of all we do. Guide us to encourage and uplift one another in both play and in life.

20 MELTON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Holy One, we humbly seek your blessing on the ordination of Geoffrey Davis. Grant him wisdom, strength, and unwavering faith as he dedicates his life in service to your people. May your Spirit guide his path and may his work be a reflection of your love and grace

21 PRAYER OF COMFORT

This time of year can be one of joy and also grief for many. Jesus, you felt the pains of loneliness while here on earth. Draw near to those who are missing a loved one or are feeling alone this Christmas. Wrap your loving arms around them and fill them with your presence.

22 ADVENT

God of love who was, who is, and who will be, we stand in awe of the mystery of your presence among us through Christ's incarnation. You entered our world to reveal your love and remain with us through the Spirit, guiding us with hope and strength. As we await the return of Jesus, may we embody your love, offering peace and support to one another as Mary and Elizabeth did. Teach us to see each other with the same love and care with which you see us.



23 JOHN 1:4-5

Though the world did not recognize who their Creator was, our God was relentless to pursue His children wandering in the darkness. God so loved His creation that He did not allow it to succumb to the full destruction of its own making. As the darkness of this present age seems to grow darker, may the church shine the light of her Redeemer ever more brightly. Meditate on John 1:1-5 and Philippians 2:5-11, reflecting on the depth and meaning of the Incarnation. How do you desire to respond to God? How will you reflect Christ's light into your spheres of influence?

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

God of grace and glory, on this holy night, we rejoice with all creation at the birth of your Son. Your glory shines brightly in the world, bringing hope and joy that transform us and draw us closer to you. As we celebrate the gift of Jesus, may our hearts be filled with gladness, like the shepherds who first heard the good news. Let us carry this joy into the world, bearing witness to your love and grace.

25 CHRISTMAS

Merciful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, given for all people. In Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, we see your love made real and your grace revealed to the world. Fill our hearts with joy as we receive this good news and help us share it, that all may know the hope and salvation you bring. May our worship and our lives proclaim your glory, now and always.



26 CHRISTMAS WEEK PRAYER LUKE 2:19

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."
Mary's quiet reflection reminds us that sometimes God's presence is best received in moments of stillness. In the midst of holiday activity, when can you find time to pause and reflect on Christ's gift? Like Mary, hold these precious truths close, inviting God to deepen your faith and trust in the Savior given to us all.

27 CHRISTMAS WEEK PRAYER LUKE 2:7

"And she 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." Jesus entered the world in humble surroundings, reminding us that God often shows up in unexpected places. As you celebrate Christmas, where might God be inviting you to see his presence in the simple or overlooked parts of your life? Reflect on how you can make room for God's love to dwell in your heart and your home.



PASADENA,
CALIFORNIA, US

28 CHRISTMAS WEEK PRAYER LUKE 2:25-26

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah."
Simeon's patient faith was rewarded as he held the promised Savior in his arms. Like Simeon, are there areas in your life where God is asking you to wait in faith? Reflect on how God has been faithful to you in the past, and pray for strength and patience as you await His promises today.

29 CHRISTMAS WEEK PRAYER LUKE 2:17-18

"When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."
The shepherds couldn't keep the good news to themselves—they shared it, filling others with wonder. How has God's love amazed you this year? Take a moment to consider who in your life might need to hear words of encouragement or hope this season, and pray for opportunities to share Christ's love.

30 JOHN 1:14

Through the Incarnation God becomes like us so that we might become like Him, a deep mystery and a great union. How amazing it is that the living Word, the rational principle behind the universe, becomes one of us so that we might know Him intimately! He willingly and joyfully enters our history, shares our human experience, and completely identifies with us. Read Luke 2:1-7 alongside Matthew 1:23 and John 1:1-18. How does the Nativity account shape your view of Christ as Immanuel, God with us? How do you experience grace and truth in your own relationship with Jesus?

31 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lord of all seasons, we come before you at the close of this year, grateful for your presence through every joy and challenge we have faced. As we reflect on the past and look toward the future, help us to release what holds us back and embrace the hope and purpose you set before us. Renew our hearts, deepen our faith, and prepare us to walk boldly into the coming year, trusting that your love and guidance will lead us forward. May our lives reflect your light in all that we do.



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