

# Daily Advent Reflections for 2021

*In Advent we are invited to pause and ponder, to watch and wait in holy hope. A spiritual discipline of daily quiet time can center us in the wonder and promises that accompany the coming of Jesus Christ.*

*We light a candle on the Advent wreath or a table, we keep silence, read scripture, reflect, pray.*

*These scriptures focus on traditional themes of Advent, to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.*

## First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28

**Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36**

*Eternal God, keep us awake and alert watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory, we may joyfully give him praise. Amen.*

**Monday \* Romans 8:19-23 Creation waits** When we are groaning in pain, help us to hold onto hope.

**Tuesday \* Malachi 3:1-4 God's messenger** Help us hear your message, which can refine and purify our love.

**Wednesday \* Romans 13:11-14 Getting ready** Help us set aside whatever is dark in us and receive your light.

**Thursday \* Isaiah 2:1-5 Isaiah's vision** Teach us your way of peace in our relationships, and let peace be sought among all peoples, faiths and nations.

**Friday \* Mark 13:33-37 Be watchful** Help us stay awake and open to your presence and love.

**Saturday \* Isaiah 60:19-22 The Lord is our light** Holy God, you are the light that never goes out.



## Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 4

**Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6**

*God of salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin.*

*Keep us walking in your way, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to completion the good work you have begun in us. Amen.*

**Monday \* Psalm 27:1-4 Away with fear** O God our stronghold, help us to be still in the midst of turmoil.

**Tuesday \* Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort my people** Delivering God, gather us in your arms. Carry us.

**Wednesday \* Psalm 43:3-5 God's light leads** Grow hope in us, O God. Help us to hold on to you.

**Thursday \* Romans 15:4-13 Gospel** Because you are a welcoming God, help us be a welcoming people.

**Friday \* 1 Peter 2:4-10 Chosen ones** God, you have made us who we are, and you never desert us. Help us live our lives in keeping with your character.

**Saturday \* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Children of light** Lord, you alone are our security. Help us trust in you.

## Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 11

**Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18**

*Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you; now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly, that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love.*

**Monday \* John 1:6-12 John's witness** Help us see your light and testify to it, so others may know you too.

**Tuesday \* Luke 1:26-38 Mary prepares** Quiet our anxious thoughts and help us trust in you.

**Wednesday \* Luke 1:5-25 Zechariah prepares** Help us wait on you patiently and be ready to respond.

**Thursday \* Luke 1:57-66 Elizabeth prepares** Help us recognize your mercy when it comes, and rejoice.

**Friday \* Matthew 1:18-25 Joseph prepares** Lord, we call you Immanuel, which means "God with us." Today help us watch for signs of your presence.

**Saturday \* John 1:1-5 God's light** God, you are always with us, from before the beginning to beyond the end.



## Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 19

**Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55**

*God of grace, your Word took flesh when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Help us say with Mary, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord. Let it be with me according to your word." Amen.*

**Monday \* Luke 1:39-45 \* The gift of shared hope** Help us delight to recognize the work of God in one another.

**Tuesday \* Luke 1:46-55 \* My soul magnifies the Lord** Holy God, you look with favor on the lowly.

**Wednesday \* Luke 2:1-7 What a miracle** We see you, dear God, in the face of a baby.

**Thursday \* Luke 2:8-14 Glory to God** It's not just earth that rejoices in Christ, but all of heaven too.

**Friday \* CHRISTMAS EVE \* Luke 2:15-20 O holy night** Let us go now and worship the Lord, our Savior.

**Saturday \* CHRISTMAS DAY \* Luke 2:21-33 Light for all** Lord, help us joyfully accept your marvelous gift!