

# ADVENT DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR 2023

## SUNDAY

DECEMBER 3



O Lord, as we enter this season of Advent, this time of waiting and anticipation, fill me with the hope of Christ. Help me to wait in great expectation for your great light to shine in this world, for all who are living in darkness to see the dawning of your light. Amen.

## MONDAY

DECEMBER 4

"...But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." *Isaiah 40:31*

## TUESDAY

DECEMBER 5

"He shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity on the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save." *Psalms 72:12-13*

## WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 6

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THURSDAY

DECEMBER 7

God our Father, your word tells us hope abides. In my humanity, I have moments of weakness and take my spiritual eyes off the path of hope you have paved for me. Declutter that which distracts me from keeping my faith, focus and purpose alive. Amen.

## FRIDAY

DECEMBER 8

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Mother of God, you call us to say "yes" to God's call, as you did, in spite of our fears, in spite of our hesitations and in spite of who society tells us is or is not deserving of our service. Amen.

## SATURDAY

DECEMBER 9

"We can't live without hope. But hope doesn't really start with us; it starts with God.... Our hope has to be in Him, the author of hope."  
- *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

DECEMBER 10



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DECEMBER 11

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now."  
- *St. Teresa of Avila*

DECEMBER 12

**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, May you wrap me in your love, too, so that I might grow in the same courage and hope as Juan Diego to seek Christ and love others in this life. And may you guide me closer to your Son, so that I might more fully love Him as you do. Amen.

DECEMBER 13

"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." *1 Corinthians 13:11*

DECEMBER 14

"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." - *Matthew Kelly*

DECEMBER 15

Dear Heavenly Father, Help me to hear your voice in the midst of chaos and confusion. Touch my heart with gladness that I can only find in you. Give me the courage to embrace the joy of this season in preparation of the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECEMBER 16

Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place.

DECEMBER 17



God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit I may abound in hope. God, help me not to lose heart, even when it feels like I'm wasting away. Remind me that inwardly I'm being renewed day by day. Amen.

DECEMBER 18

"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter."  
- *St. Padre Pio*

DECEMBER 19

Lord, let me not get too wrapped up in the Christmas shopping chaos or thoughts that weaken my hope and my happiness. Instead, let me be reminded that your life-giving hope of your birth is the centerpiece of this season. Jesus, I wait for you. Amen.

DECEMBER 20

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."  
- *Henri Nouwen*

DECEMBER 21

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECEMBER 22

Day by day; Day by day. Oh dear Lord, three things I pray...To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly. Day by day.

DECEMBER 23

The wise men followed the star and found Christ who is Light from Light. God had called you out of darkness into His wonderful Light. May you experience the Light that is love, faith and hope. Amen.

DECEMBER 24



And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
- *Luke 2:10-12*

DECEMBER 25



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