

Daily Prayers for Advent and Christmas

November 29: Pray that this year, more than ever, we observe a holy Advent, waiting in hopeful expectation for the Light of Christ to return. Revelation 22:20-21 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

November 30: Pray that each of us continue to do the work God has called us to do with great diligence. Ephesians 6:6-8 ". . .not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free."

December 1: Pray that we hope in Christ alone. Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

December 2: Pray that all who are called by His name will grow deeper roots in the time of trouble. Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

December 3: Help us find rest in the Lord. Isaiah 30:15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

December 4: Pray that God's people will seek His light and reject all substitutes for He is the True Light. John 1:9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

December 5: Pray for the grace to become aware of God's presence and enjoy it. Psalm 32:11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

December 6: Pray for joy and a sense of humor Psalm 126:2 *Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."*

December 7: Pray for courageous Christian leaders across the globe who will seek His kingdom and righteousness above all else. Deuteronomy 31:6 *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

December 8: Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully. 2 Peter 1:5 *For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge.*

December 9: May we be doers of the word. James 1:22 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

December 10: Pray for a clear mind and ability to communicate God's love to others no matter what the circumstance. 1 Thessalonians 2: 4, 8 *But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*

December 11: Pray for a commitment to generosity among God's people. Acts 20:35 *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

December 12: Pray for confidence in God's love and forgiveness knowing His plan is to bless you with His joy as you walk in faith. John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

December 13: Pray that the discouraged and broken hearted will rise up and be comforted through the power of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 61:1-2 *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who*

are bound, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

December 14: Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters without being distracted or fooled by the enemy. *Philippians 4:8* Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

December 15: Pray for the passion to pursue truth and justice to the glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *1 Corinthians 13:6* [Love] does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

December 16: Pray for genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and humility to extend grace to others. *Matthew 10:8* Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. *Matthew 6:12* and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

December 17: O Wisdom *Isaiah 11:2-3* And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear.

December 18: O Ruler *Isaiah 33:22* For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; he will save us.

December 19: O Root of Jesse *Isaiah 11:1* There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

December 20: O Key of David *Isaiah 9:7* Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

December 21: O Radiant Dawn *Isaiah 9:2* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

December 22: O King of Nations *Isaiah 2:4* He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their

spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

December 23: O Emmanuel Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God is with us).

December 24: Pray that our presence (in person, by phone, card, e-mail) with family, friends and colleagues will reflect goodness, peace and generosity. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

December 25: Be born in our hearts, Lord Jesus. 2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

December 26: Pray that the body of Christ be overcome with a spirit of thanks, praising God from whom all blessings flow. Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

December 27: As the days are shorter and darker help us find light in the Lord. John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

December 28: Pray for the grace to become aware of God's presence and enjoy it. Psalm 32:11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

December 29: Pray for strong relations with others in the bond of a purpose filled community. Ephesians 4:15-16 ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

December 30: Now raise your head, fear not and praise the Lord. As His child you are on the winning team. Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

December 31: Though it has been a difficult year, as we come to the close of 2020, help us look back over all for which we can give God thanks and look ahead to 2021 focusing on what is truly important. Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Philippians 3:13b-14 Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

January 1: Pray the Lord will fit us for our mission in 2021 by renewing our minds. Philippians 1:27-28a Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

January 2: Pray for a fresh beginning for all who seek Him in truth. Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

January 3: Pray for openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

January 4: Pray the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob will find us faithful as He unfolds Israel's prophetic destiny in our midst. Zechariah 8:1-3 And the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

January 5: Having filled us with the joy of the presence of our Lord, use us to bring your light to the nation and the nations. Isaiah 60:1 Arise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises in you.