

# Advent Prayer Guide





One the  
greatest gifts  
we have to  
give one  
another is  
the gift of  
prayer.

During this  
Advent season,  
what would  
happen if  
we prayed  
for each  
other?

Why don't  
we try it  
and see?–

## HOW DOES THIS WORK?

Over the next 21 days we will spend intentional time as a church praying - but not just while we are gathered together.

We will be praying  
similiar prayers at  
similar times in  
**different** places.

You will find different ways to pray for each week. Utimately how you pray is up to you but we do encourage you to try some different ways if you are feeling stuck in your prayer life or if you simply want to try something else.

Our physical posture has the potential to change our Spiritual posture.

Each week's prayers will be focused around the Advent theme for that week.

Each day we will focus that theme on a particular area of our lives.

There is a memory verse for each week as well. Use it as your prayer as often as you think of it.

# Advent Prayer Guide Week 1

## SUNDAY

### Pray together as a family.

Decide on one thing you are hoping for this Christmas and take it to the Lord.

*Take turns praying outloud.*

## MONDAY

### Pray individually.

Examine your heart to see where you have placed your hope. Is it in your own strength? intelligence? Is it in your job or school? Is it in your spouse or parents?

*Write down this prayer and put it somewhere you will see it:*

*"Lord forgive me for placing my hope in \_\_\_\_\_ and help me to place my hope fully in You."*

## TUESDAY

### Pray for your family.

Write down everyone's name one per piece of paper and place it in a bowl or hat. Take turns choosing a name. *Spend the rest of the week praying for God's hope for that person.*

## WEDNESDAY

### Pray for your church.

A church without an anchor is a dangerous church. Pray for your church to have their hope in God's character as their anchor.

## MEMORY VERSE

*The Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
John 1:5*

# HOPE JOHN 1:5

When we talk about HOPE at Christmas we are talking about Jesus. He is our hope.

When He was born in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago, He brought hope to the world. He was the good news that Israel was waited on for hundreds of years. While they waited, God sent prophets to remind Israel that God was near and had big plans for their good. The same prophets are used to remind us of God's plans for us, today!

## THURSDAY

### Pray for your neighbors.

More than anything our neighbors need the hope of Jesus.

*Go for a walk around your neighborhood praying for the people in each home as you pass by.*

## FRIDAY

### Pray for your school or job.

That co-worker or fellow student that is hard to be around...they need hope. And if you are following Jesus you have His hope inside of you.

*When you talk to or walk past co-workers or fellow students, ask God to reveal hope to them.*

## SATURDAY

### Pray by listening.

Take ten minutes and be quiet. Maybe in the car with no music, maybe outside in a hammock, or on your couch. Instead of talking to God, listen for Him.

# Advent Prayer Guide Week 2

## SUNDAY

### Pray together as a family.

Decide on person you know who needs peace this Christmas and pray for them.

*Take turns praying outloud.*

## MONDAY

### Pray individually.

Examine your heart to see where you have searched for peace.

*Write down this prayer and put it somewhere you will see it:*

*"Lord forgive me for seeking peace in \_\_\_\_\_ and help me to seek peace only in You."*

## TUESDAY

### Pray for your family.

Write down everyone's name one per piece of paper and place it in a bowl or hat. Take turns choosing a name.

*Spend the rest of the week praying for God's peace for that person.*

## WEDNESDAY

### Pray for your church.

A church without peace is a church in turmoil. Pray for your church to have their mind fixed on Jesus that they might find peace there.

## MEMORY VERSE

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.  
Isaiah 26:3*

# PEACE ISAIAH 26:3

When we talk about PEACE at Christmas we are talking about Jesus. He is our peace.

In many ways the Christmas story is a story of peace. Jesus came down from Heaven born as a baby. He lived for years and then died on a Cross and three days later He rose. In His resurrection He defeated sin and death so they no longer have power over us. Because of that, we can have peace with God!

## THURSDAY

### Pray for your neighbors.

Our neighbors need the peace only Jesus can bring. Some might need ultimate peace in Salvation.

*Go for a walk around your neighborhood praying for the people in each home as you pass by.*

## FRIDAY

### Pray for your school or job.

If you keep your mind on Jesus you will find peace.

*When you talk to or walk past co-workers or fellow students, ask God to reveal His peace to them.*

## SATURDAY

### Pray by listening.

Take ten minutes and be quiet. Maybe in the car with no music, maybe outside in a hammock, or on your couch. Instead of talking to God, listen for Him.

# Advent Prayer Guide Week 3

## SUNDAY

### Pray together as a family.

Decide on person you know who needs joy this Christmas and pray for them.

*Take turns praying outloud.*

## MONDAY

### Pray individually.

Examine your heart to see where you have searched for joy.

*Write down this prayer and put it somewhere you will see it:*

*"Lord forgive me for seeking joy in \_\_\_\_\_ and help me to remember that I find true joy only in You."*

## TUESDAY

### Pray for your family.

Write down everyone's name one per piece of paper and place it in a bowl or hat. Take turns choosing a name.

*Spend the rest of the week praying for God's joy for that person.*

## WEDNESDAY

### Pray for your church.

A church without joy is a sad church. Pray for your church to have their eyes lifted up to hear the good news of great joy for all the people.

## MEMORY VERSE

*A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.  
Proverbs 17:22*

# JOY PROVERBS 17:22

When we talk about JOY at Christmas we are talking about Jesus. He is our joy.

After He was born, an angel appeared to shepherds keeping their flock near Bethlehem. The angel told them that their Savior had been born - the One they were waiting for. The shepherds overflowed with joy! That same kind of joy is available to us, even today.

## THURSDAY

### Pray for your neighbors.

Our neighbors need the joy only Jesus can bring. You might know some who are crushed in spirit.

*Go for a walk around your neighborhood praying for the people in each home as you pass by.*

## FRIDAY

### Pray for your school or job.

Is there joy at work or school?

*When you talk to or walk past co-workers or fellow students, ask God to give His joy to them.*

## SATURDAY

### Pray by listening.

Take ten minutes and be quiet. Maybe in the car with no music, maybe outside in a hammock, or on your couch. Instead of talking to God, listen for Him.

# Advent Prayer Guide Week 4

## SUNDAY

### Pray together as a family.

Decide on person you know who needs to be shown God's love this Christmas and pray for them.

*Take turns praying outloud.*

## MONDAY

### Pray individually.

Examine your heart to see what you feel about God's love for you. Maybe you think He loves you because you've earned it or that He doesn't love you because you don't deserve it.

*Write down this prayer and put it somewhere you will see it:*

*"Lord forgive me for thinking I can earn your love and help me to remember that you love me simply because you do."*

## TUESDAY

### Pray for your family.

Write down everyone's name one per piece of paper and place it in a bowl or hat. Take turns choosing a name. *Spend the rest of the week praying for that person to know God's love.*

## WEDNESDAY

### Pray for your church.

A church without love is not a church. Pray for your church to rest in and serve from the love God has for them.

## MEMORY VERSE

*For God so loved the world He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.*  
*John 3:16*

# LOVE JOHN 3:16

When we talk about LOVE at Christmas we are talking about Jesus. He is true love.

The Christmas story really is a story of love. Jesus came down from Heaven as a baby and grew up to be our Savior. He laid down His life to pay the cost of our sins so that we can rest in His forgiveness. Jesus's gift of grace is a display of love like the world has never seen before.

## THURSDAY

### Pray for your neighbors.

Our neighbors need the love of God. *Go for a walk around your neighborhood praying for the people in each home as you pass by.*

## FRIDAY

### Pray for your school or job.

Do you sense that people know they are loved there? *When you talk to or walk past co-workers or fellow students, ask God to show His love to them.*

## SATURDAY

### Pray by listening.

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