

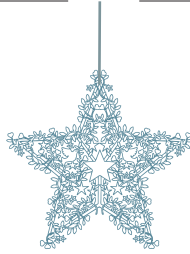
Sticky Notes for the Soul



FOR A SANE & SACRED CHRISTMAS

Print this set of 25 Sticky Note Cards, one for each day in December.
For mirrors and sinks and dashboards, for pockets and walls and office cubicles.
For this Christmas.

Each card is an affirmation, a prayer, for each day this December.
They are quotes from *The Greatest Gift* & *Unwrapping The Greatest Gift*,
rewritten to be words that you can pray every day,
to help keep the focus, to Celebrate Christ!



DECEMBER 1



I am waiting for you, Lord.
I will not let December become
about making a production-
when it's simply about
not missing You, Lord.

Miracles happen whenever I look
for shoots of Jesus' love everywhere -
because this grows deep roots
in Jesus' love for everyone.

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DECEMBER 2



I will not be driven by
perfectionism or performance-
because I was formed by Love, for Love.

I will simply Enjoy
the Ministry of Presence today:
God's presence, people's presence,
the present moment, the gift of now.
The greatest gift I can give back
to our great God is to
let His love make me glad.

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DECEMBER 3



I will rest today in the gift of
His love for me.
God's love never stops looking for me,
trying to find me and
gently draw me back close to Him.
No matter what the day holds,
no matter how the season
of my life unfolds,
God holds & enfolds me.

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I will let every flood of stress today
be an invitation
to get into the ark of my Savior.
I will let every flood of trouble
remake the topography of my soul
into someone better-
not bitter.

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DECEMBER 5



Today I will let myself not be
overwhelmed with the season, but be
overwhelmed with the goodness of God
so I can overflow with the goodness
of God to others. I will be
experienced as a blessing by others-
to the extent I have counted blessings
& first experience myself as blessed.
The greatest gift God graces a soul with
is His own presence.

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DECEMBER 6



I will smile today, I will laugh, I will
enjoy Him & now & amazing grace
because God brings the
weary women laughter!
Laughter is His gift to me -
oxygenated grace!
No matter what happens today
Jesus is the last word, and we rejoice
and rejoice again and re-joy again
because grace is our oxygen now.

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When I feel worry today, this season,
I will simply exhale.

Worry is belief gone wrong.
Because you don't believe that
God will get it right.
And Peace is belief that exhales.
Because you believe that God's provision
is everywhere - like air.
#Exhale

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DECEMBER 8



I will not climb any ladders today
or this Christmas to impress anyone.
There are no ladders to climb up,
because Christ came down one to get me.
God doesn't want to number my failures
or count my accomplishments
as much as He wants me to have
an encounter with Him.

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DECEMBER 9



I will trust that no matter what
intends to harm me today,
God's arms have me.
Today, this Advent - God is never absent,
never impotent, never distant.
I can never be undone.
If God can transfigure the greatest evil
into the greatest Gift,
then He intends to turn whatever
I'm experiencing now into a gift.

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DECEMBER 10



I will simply, lavishly, love today.
God gives the commandment
to love to me - and God gives God
to keep the commandments for me.
Loving Jesus and loving everyone
are the biggest, grandest,
greatest gifts
I can give back to God.

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I will believe in God's grace for impossible things today.
Because no situation is more hopeless than *my Savior is graceful.*
And no personal choice that muddled my life can ever trump the divine choice to wash my life clean.
That is always the secret to unwrapping the biggest, greatest, grandest gift: *believe that the love of Jesus is in the place where I don't expect it.*

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DECEMBER 12



I will trust that everything happening around me today, every day, is happening to make miracles.
Every little thing is going to be okay, because God is working good through *every little thing.*
There is never a night, never a darkness when gifts and miracles and joy aren't coming - coming right to me.

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DECEMBER 13



Today, I will walk with Jesus & pray for my eyes to do the most miraculous things: *to turn everything inside out.*
Let me see today, Lord: People care about the wrapping paper on the outside, but God cares about the gifts inside - the heart, which can wrap like love *around everyone.*

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DECEMBER 14



I will just keep turning to Jesus today, the only real Light in the whole world, and His light can always turn on inside of me. I am saved from the dark of lostness because *God is love* and He can't stand to leave me by myself in the dark.
It doesn't matter how dark the dark is - Jesus comes to the darkest places so I can see His light the brightest.

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I will not bow down
to pressures this Advent.
I will only bow down before You, Lord.
It's the wavering between gods
that has me sinking. It's the wavering
between the gods of things and
the God of everything -
that's what has me flailing and
drowning soundless in it all.
Jesus, the gift, comes to give me freely
through His passion what every other god
forces me to get through performance.

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DECEMBER 16



I will give God the gift of repentance
today. Repentance, turning around,
is the only way for me to be
ushered into grace.
I am not equipped for my life until I
realize I'm not equipped for life.
I'm not equipped for life until I'm in
need of grace. I always get the greatest gift
when I turn around and go His way,
right toward the smiling ways of God.

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DECEMBER 17



I will not let worry overrule today
or this Christmas. When the King rules
my world, I cease to rule or to worry.
All worry dethrones God.
All worrying makes me King
& God incompetent.
I am going to trust that in the little places,
through unexpected people, His perfect
story is unfolding and unwrapping
all around me and in me,
the light overtaking the dark.

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DECEMBER 18



I will place all my worth this Christmas
in Christ.
When I unwrap my worth in the
Gift of Christ, I release my grip on all the other
gifts. I am loved and carried and secure,
and what else do I need when I have Him?
When I unwrap the unbeatable, unfailing,
unstoppable love of Jesus, I laugh happiest:
I am free, free, free to happily give away
my gifts so other people can live!
This is the moment I was made for:
to use my gifts to give others the gift of life!

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I will focus on Jesus today,
just Jesus.

The secret of joy is always
matter of focus: a resolute focusing
on the Father, not on the fears.
And when I feel like I can't touch bottom
is when I touch the depths of God.

If He gave His Son to save me,
will He not give me everything I need?
I will Behold Him everywhere today -
and be held.

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DECEMBER 20

I don't have to work for the coming of
the Lord - I don't have to work for
Christmas. The miracle is always that
God is gracious.

I always get my Christmas miracle.
I get God with me. That's really all I have
to get ready for Christmas - my heart.
So I will just come to Him just as I am.
God gives Himself as the greatest Gift
this Christmas, and He doesn't keep any
truly good thing from me. Because the
greatest things aren't things! Jesus is all
good, and He is all mine, and this is
always my miracle - my greatest Gift!

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DECEMBER 21

I am most prepared for Christmas when
I am done trying to make my performance
into the gift instead of revelling in His
presence as the Gift. That is all there is
left in these last days of the Advent road -
the sacredness of His presence
saturating everything. And Jesus makes
us all happy - the happiness of kids all
tickled giddy! Because Jesus loves us 100%
before we even do 1%. Prepare the way,
not for more things, but for the greatest thing:
Jesus is coming!

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DECEMBER 22

I will simply become a place for God
today. There is no need to
produce or perform or perfect - simply
become a place for God.
Christmas is conceived in my world
when I simply receive it -
however Christ and His will comes to me.
The miscarriage of Christmas begins
when anxieties crowd out the
space within simply to carry Christ.

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I will hush away the hurry, the worry,
today. We can always have as much of God
as we want. God throws open the door
of this world - and enters as a baby.
As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because
He wants unimaginable intimacy with me.

God. With. Me.

God can't stay away. He disarms Himself of
heaven so that I can take Him in arms on
earth. Christmas is about God's doing
whatever it takes to be with me - and my
doing whatever it takes to be with Him.

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DECEMBER 24



I will feel the weightlessness of the
miracle of Christmas today.

Grace is weightless.

God comes as a Babe because Grace is
weightless. Rejected at the inn, holy God
comes in small to where I feel rejected
& small. God is with me now. All of
conquered heaven and grateful earth
echo and throb today with the heart cry
of the God-child:

I did it because I love you!

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DECEMBER 25



Today! I can have this as the best Christmas ever-
as much as I gaze into my Father's face &
receive His gift. Everywhere, everywhere -
there are gifts everywhere from Jesus.

Gifts are our air.

That's what Jesus is whispering to me this Christmas
Day: "I'll take your broken heart & give you My
whole one. I'll take your burden-broken back &
give you my weightlessness." Christ came into
the world for me - and I came into the world
for Him. A heart that really loves Jesus could
catch the world on fire with love & more love

& even more love.

Christmas can go on forever now...

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