

honest advent

As we enter into Advent, we'd like to invite you to spend time alone or with your family/group in a rhythm of daily prayer. Let's join together as a community in anticipation of Jesus' birth.

Opening Call

Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come, the one whom we await with longing hearts. My soul is waiting for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope.

Prayer of Understanding

O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart, that I may hear your word and understand, and do your will. Speak unto me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom. Enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge, not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them. Amen. — St John Chrysostom

Daily Readings + Gloria

[to be spoken after each reading]

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

December 1

Psalm 146, 147
Amos 1v1-5, 13-2v8
1 Thess 5v1-11
Luke 21v5-19

December 2

Psalm 1, 2, 3
Amos 2v6-16 2
Peter 1v1-11
Matt 21v1-11

December 3

Psalm 5, 6
Amos 3v1-11
2 Peter 1v12-21
Matt 21v12-22

December 4

Psalm 119v1-24
Amos 3v12-4v5
2 Peter 3v1-10
Matt 21v23-32

December 5

Psalm 18v1-20
Amos 4v6-13
2 Peter 3v11-18
Matt 21v33-46

December 6

Psalm 16, 17
Amos 5v1-17
Jude 1-16
Matt 22v1-14

December 7

Psalm 20, 21v1-7
Amos 5v18-27
Jude 17-25
Matt 22v15-22

December 8

Psalm 148, 149, 150
Amos 6v1-14
2 Thess 1v5-12
Luke 1v57-68

December 9

Psalm 25
Amos 7v1-9
Rev 1v1-8
Matt 22v23-33

December 10

Psalm 26, 28
Amos 7v10-17
Rev 1v9-16
Matt 22v34-46

December 11

Psalm 38
Amos 8v1-14
Rev 1v17-2v7
Matt 23v1-12

December 12

Psalm 37v1-18
Amos 9v1-10
Rev 2v8-17
Matt 23v13-26

December 13

Psalm 31
Haggai 1v1-15
Rev 2v18-29
Matt 23v27-39

December 14

Psalm 30, 32
Haggai 2v1-9
Rev 3v1-6
Matt 24v1-14

December 15

Psalm 63v1-8, 98
Amos 9v11-15
2 Thess 2v1-3, 13-17
John 5v30-47

December 16

Psalm 41, 52
Zech 1v7-17
Rev 3v7-13
Matt 24v15-31

December 17

Psalm 45
Zech 2v1-13
Rev 3v14-22
Matt 24v32-44

December 18

Psalm 119v49-72
Zech 3v1-10
Rev 4v1-8
Matt 24v45-51

December 19

Psalm 50
Zech 4v1-14
Rev 4v9-5v5
Matt 25v1-13

December 20

Psalm 40, 54
Zech 7v8-8v8
Rev 5v6-14
Matt 25v14-30

December 21

Psalm 55
Zech 8v9-17
Rev 6v1-17
Matt 25v31-46

December 22

Psalm 66
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Titus 2:1-10
Luke 1:26-38

December 23

Psalm 2, 85
Micah 4v1-5, 5v2-4
1 John 4v7-16
John 3v31-36

December 24

Psalm 72
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Titus 2:11-3-8
Luke 1:39-56

December 25

Psalm 45, 46
Isaiah 59v15b-21
Phil 2v5-11
Matt 1v18-25

Prayers for Ourselves + The Life of the World

Come, & fill me with joy & hope in your coming. Come, & shine your light on all nations.

Come, & show our world the way to peace & justice. Come, & heal those who are sick in mind, soul, or body.

Come, & open my eyes to the signs of your presence in the world.
Come, Lord, & do not delay!
Come, Lord Jesus. Come.

Choose the closing prayer that best fits your prayer time each day.

Closing Prayer [Morning]

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory forever. As we look for your coming among us this day, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Prayer [Evening]

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, Creator of light and darkness, to you be glory and praise for ever. As evening falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. May your word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path that we might behold your coming among us. Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.