

ADVENT



MORNING & EVENING
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

AN INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the church calendar and is four Sundays long. It's a time of expectation and preparation. We prepare for the first coming of Christ as a baby in a manger, and we look to the coming of Christ at the end of the age.

During Advent, Christians are called to fast, making space in our hearts and souls for the coming of Jesus.

We encourage you to develop and grow your devotional rhythm as a family during Advent, and hope this guide will serve you in this area.

THIS GUIDE

This guide is a compilation of the Morning, Evening, and Family prayers from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer, 2019.

You will find prayers as well as scripture readings to share together as a family. The morning readings are taken from the suggested devotions in the book "A Thrill of Hope" by Ashley Wallace. You will also find a section of readings from the "Jesus Storybook Bible" by Sally Lloyd-Jones which closely parallel the morning readings. The evening readings reflect on a different Psalm to meditate on throughout the week.

On Sunday mornings, we will light the candles on our Advent wreath whilst reading the Collect. These same Advent Collects are included in the prayers, so you can also use them when lighting Advent candles at home.

Pray together the text in bold. If you have older children, include them in leading and reading different sections of prayer and scripture.

MORNING PRAYER

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 40:3

PSALM 51: 10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your holy Spirit from me.
O give me the comfort of your help again,
And sustain me with your willing Spirit.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE DAY

See scripture reading table later in the booklet for today's reading.

BENEDICTUS

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
Born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
That he would save us from our enemies,
From the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
And to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight
All the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
And in the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic Church,
The Communion of Saints,
The Forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life ever lasting. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

ADVENT COLLECT OF THE WEEK

See collects at the end of the booklet for this week's prayer.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Prayers for yourself:

- Where do you need God's help today?
- Where would you like to see more of God in your life?

Prayers for others:

- Family, friends, neighbours
- Enemies
- The church, the world, our nation and government
- For those who are oppressed and suffering
- For those who are sick
- For people to come to know Jesus

Thanksgiving:

- What things would you like to say thank you to God for?

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THE PEOPLE AND THINGS YOU ARE PRAYING
FOR:

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THE THINGS YOU ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR:

A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EVENING PRAYER

O gladsome light,
Pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes
behold the vesper light,
We sing your praises O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy
voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
Oh Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and
peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a
quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PSALMS

See the table at the end of the booklet for the Psalm of the week.

Reflect on different parts of the Psalm and respond as you feel led.

MAGNIFICAT

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on,
All generations will call me blessed;
For he that is mighty has magnified me,
And holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him,
Throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,
And has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,
As he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

Luke 1: 46-55

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

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Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
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And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Prayers for yourself:

- Where did you see and experience God in your day today?
- Where do you need God's help for tomorrow?
- Is there anything you're worried or anxious about?

Prayers for others:

- Family, friends, neighbours
- Enemies,
- The church, the world, our nation and government
- For those who are oppressed and suffering
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THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MORNING READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Nov 27th - Dec 3rd	SUNDAY	GENESIS 1 - 2:3
	MONDAY	GENESIS 2
	TUESDAY	GENESIS 3
	WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 6:12 - 7:24
	THURSDAY	GENESIS 8 - 9
	FRIDAY	GENESIS 12:1 -9, 15:1-5
	SATURDAY	GENESIS 21: 1 - 6
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec 4th - 10th	SUNDAY	GENESIS 27
	MONDAY	GENESIS 37
	TUESDAY	EXODUS 6: 1-13
	WEDNESDAY	EXODUS 14: 5 - 31
	THURSDAY	EXODUS 16
	FRIDAY	JOSHUA 1
	SATURDAY	1 SAMUEL 16: 1-3

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec 11th - 17th	SUNDAY	1 SAMUEL 17
	MONDAY	PSALM 23
	TUESDAY	2 KINGS 5
	WEDNESDAY	ISAIAH 9: 1-7, 11
	THURSDAY	DANIEL 6
	FRIDAY	JONAH 1 - 3
	SATURDAY	NEHEMIAH 8: 1-12, MALACHI 3
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec 18th - 23rd	SUNDAY	ISAIAH 40: 3-5
	MONDAY	JOHN 1: 1-18
	TUESDAY	ISAIAH 7: 10-17
	WEDNESDAY	ISAIAH 11:1-10
	THURSDAY	LUKE 1: 26 -38
	FRIDAY	LUKE 1:39 - 56
CHRISTMAS EVE	SATURDAY	LUKE 2: 1 - 20
CHRISTMAS DAY	SUNDAY	PSALM 96

EVENING READINGS

DATE	PSALM READING
1st Sunday of Advent Nov 27 – Dec 3	Psalm 122
2nd Sunday of Advent Dec 4 - 10	Psalm 72
3rd Sunday of Advent Dec 11-17	Psalm 146
4th Sunday of Advent Dec 18-25	Psalm 24

READINGS FROM THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE BY SALLY LLOYD-JONES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov 27th - Dec 3rd

SUNDAY	GENESIS 1 - 2:3	The Beginning: A Perfect Home	Pg 18 - 25
MONDAY	GENESIS 2	The Beginning: A Perfect Home	Pg 26 - 27
TUESDAY	GENESIS 3	The Terrible Lie	Pg 28 - 36
WEDNESDAY	GENESIS 6:12 - 7:24	A New Beginning	Pg 38 - 44
THURSDAY	GENESIS 8 - 9	A New Beginning	Pg 46 - 47
FRIDAY	GENESIS 12:1 -9, 15:1-5	Son of Laughter	Pg 56 - 59
SATURDAY	GENESIS 21: 1 - 6	Son of Laughter	Pg 60

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 4th - Dec 10th

SUNDAY	GENESIS 27	The Present	Pg 62 - 29
MONDAY	GENESIS 37	The Forgiving Prince	Pg 76 -83
TUESDAY	EXODUS 6: 1-13	God to the Rescue	Pg 84-91
WEDNESDAY	EXODUS 14: 5 - 31	God Makes a Way	Pg 92 - 99
THURSDAY	EXODUS 16	Ten Ways to be Perfect	Pg 100-107
FRIDAY	JOSHUA 1	The Warrior Leader	Pg 108-115
SATURDAY	1 SAMUEL 16: 1-3	The teeny, weenie...true king	Pg 116-121

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 11th - Dec 17th

SUNDAY	1 SAMUEL 17	The Young Hero & The Horrible Giant	Pg 122-129
MONDAY	PSALM 23	The Good Shepherd	Pg 130-135
TUESDAY	2 KINGS 5	The Little Servant Girl & the Proud General	Pg 136-144
WEDNESDAY	ISAIAH 9: 1-7, 11	Operation "No More Tears!"	Pg 144-151
THURSDAY	DANIEL 6	Daniel & the Scary Sleepover	Pg 152-159
FRIDAY	JONAH 1 - 3	God's Messenger	Pg 160-169
SATURDAY	NEHEMIAH 8: 1-12, MALACHI 3	Get Ready!	Pg 170-175

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 18th - Christmas

SUNDAY	ISAIAH 40: 3-5		
MONDAY	JOHN 1: 1-18		
TUESDAY	ISAIAH 7: 10=17		
WEDNESDAY	ISAIAH 11: 1-10		
THURSDAY	LUKE 1: 26 -38	He's Here!	Pg 176
FRIDAY	LUKE 1:39 - 56	He's Here!	Pg 177-179
SATURDAY	LUKE 2: 1 - 20	He's Here!	Pg 180-190
SUNDAY	PSALM 96		

ADVENT COLLECTS

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27th – December 3rd

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4th - 10th

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11th - 17th

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18th - 23rd

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS EVE

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin:
Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

