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- ✓ Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.
- ✓ Say hello to someone you don't know.
- √ We'll gather at 10:20am.

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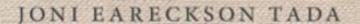
#### **Christmas Devotional Resources**



## EVERYDAY GOSPEL

Christmas Devotional

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Foreword by Keith & Kristyn Getty



SONGS of SUFFERING

25 Hymns and Devotions for Weary Souls





AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY
FOR ALL PEOPLE

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OF GOOD NEWS
CHURCH, GA

# **Christmas Calendar**

Sat., Dec. 6

GNC "Grace & Grits" (10am)

Elixir Karaoke & Ugly Sweater (7pm)

**Sat., Dec. 13** 

**GNC Hymns & Hops (7pm)** 

**Sun., Dec. 14** 

**GNC Gift Wrap Station (1pm)** 

**Elixir Holiday Market (1pm)** 

Tues., Dec. 23

**GNC Christmas Eve EVE (7pm)** 





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# CHRISTMAS COMPASSION

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# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Come Holy Spirit

from "Valley of Vision" Spiritus Sanctus (pg. 28)

"O, Holy Spirit, as the sun is full of light, the ocean, full of water, heaven, full of glory, so may our hearts be full of thee.

Come as power, to expel every rebel lust to rain supreme, and keep us thine;

Come as teacher, leading us into all truth, filling us with all understanding; Come as love, that we may adore You, Father, and love You as our all; Come as joy, to dwell in us, move us, animate us; Come as light, illuminating the scripture, molding us and its laws; Come as sanctifier, body, soul, and spirit, holy vine; Come as helper, with strength to bless and keep directing our every step;

Come as beautifier, bringing order out of confusion, loveliness out of chaos.

Magnify to us thy glory by being magnified in us."





#### Daniel 2:1-24

1 In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. 2 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, 3 he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

4 Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

5 The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. 6 But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."

7 Once more they replied, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

8 Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided: 9 If you do not tell me the dream, there is only one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me."

10 The astrologers answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing

of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. 11 What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans."

12 This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. 13 So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death. 14 When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him

with wisdom and tact. 15 He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. 16 At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

17 Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

18 He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven 20 and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. 21 He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. 22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

23 I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king."

24 Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."

### Take Aways

- 1. Daniel trusted that God would direct His path.
- 2. Daniel believed in the power of prayer
- 3. Daniel submitted himself to God in prayer.

#### What does the Bible say about prayer?

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you." - 1 Peter 5:7

"The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help." - Psalm 34:17

"He hears their cries for help and rescues them."
- Psalm 145:19

"I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking to me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers." - Isaiah 65:24

"We can be confident that He will listen to us whenever we ask Him for anything in line with His will. And if we know He is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that He will give us what we ask for." - 1 John 5:14-15

Don't worry about anything: instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

- Hebrews 4:16

"For Christ has entered into heaven itself to appear now before God as our advocate."

- Hebrews 9:24a

#### Reflection

This is a privileged opportunity that God has given our church to watch God work, to see Him provide, and to develop faith together.

I believe that God will use this opportunity, like nothing else we've experienced, to forge us together and unite us at the heart and soul level in faith and trust in God.

### Is anything impossible for God?

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." - Matthew 9:28

- "For with God nothing is impossible."
- Luke 1:37

"We have a God who delights in impossibilities and who asks, "Is anything too hard for me?" - Andrew Murray

- "Our prayers are God's opportunities."
- Mrs. Charles C. Cowman

# Final Thought

#### Praying man trusts



and trusting man prays.

## **GNC** Prayer Requests

- 1. Wisdom
- 2. Blessing
- 3. Provision



#### A.C.T.S.

- 1. Adoration for who God is
- 2. Confession of sin, repentance, and pardon
- 3. Thanksgiving for what God has done
- 4. Supplication (ask, request, beg)

#### Adoration

Companion Compassion Creator Defender Designer Faithful Friend Generous Glorious Good Gracious Healer Kind Listener Love Mercy Patient Peace Powerful Present Protector Provider Reconciler Redeemer Refuge Rescuer Restorer Savior Shelter Shepherd Shield Sovereign Strong True Unchanging Wise Wonderful Worthy

### Confession

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Anger Arrogant Bitterness Cursing
   Dishonest Disobedient Drunkenness
 Fault-finding Fear Gluttony Gossip
 Greed Hard-hearted Hypocrisy Idolatrous
 Impatient Lazy Lustful Mean-spirited
Over-indulgence Pride Quarrelsome Resentful
   Selfishness Sexual Sin Slander
                                 Stingy
 Unbelief Unforgiveness Unkindness
      Unloving Unmerciful Worry
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#### Assurance of Pardon

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- 1 John 1:9

# Thanksgiving

Acceptance Adoption Breath Compassion Family Forgiveness Freedom Friendship Health Healing Joy Grace Life Lovingkindness Peace Protection Provision Redemption Salvation

# Supplication

- 1. Wisdom
- 2. Blessing
- 3. Provision



# The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:11

Brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Be completely perfected, encourage one another, be of one mind, be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.