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THE STORY OF JESUS

2022 HOUSEHOLD
WORSHIP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THESE PRAYERS

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This story begins with Advent, a season of waiting and watching for Jesus to arrive and breathe his hope into those dead and dry places in our world and in our hearts.

An Advent wreath is a simple but beautiful way to remind us that Christ brings light into the world to scatter the darkness. Your wreath has 5 candles (three purple, one pink, one white, or all white with colored ribbons) that you light at dinner or some other time. Each week, light one more of the four candles until on Christmas Eve or day when you light the white candle—the Christ Candle.

As you light the candles, you can follow along with the prayer, songs, and Scriptures in this devotional. Customize, experiment, adjust—whatever helps create some space to connect with the Lord. Invite a friend to join you, practice it with your family, or include it in your personal devotional time.

IDEAS FOR PARENTS:

When praying with children, you can do one or more of the elements listed, depending on the age of your kids, their attention span at that moment, etc. If your kids are older, have them look up one or more passages in the Bible and take turns reading them. Younger kids can memorize the greeting. Kids can also take turns saying the greeting, lighting the candles, or leading the prayer.

The closing prayer can be read by a parent or altogether if the kids are old enough to read along. With younger kids, just learn the first verse and chorus of O Come, O Come Emmanuel. With older kids, try and learn more of the verses.

Whether this is your first time practicing Advent or you've been observing Advent your entire life, we pray this season will be an invitation into the story of Jesus as he transforms our lives to look more like his.

In Christ,
Father Trevor McMaken
Pastor Brittany Yeager

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THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

GREETING:

Leader: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: O come, let us adore him!

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

SONG:

O come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel.

SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 24:29-44

PRAYER:

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 WEEK OF ADVENT

GREETING:

Leader: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: O come, let us adore him!

LIGHT TWO CANDLES

SONG:

O come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel.

SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-19

Romans 15:1-13

Matthew 3:-12

PRAYER:

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 WEEK OF ADVENT

GREETING:

Leader: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: O come, let us adore him!

LIGHT THREE CANDLES

SONG:

O come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel.

SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

James 5:7-20

Matthew 11:2-19

PRAYER:

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 WEEK OF ADVENT

GREETING:

Leader: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: O come, let us adore him!

LIGHT FOUR CANDLES

SONG:

O come, O Come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel.

SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm 24

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

PRAYER:

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.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE OR DAY

GREETING:

Leader: Alleluia, to us a child is born:

All: O come, let us adore him!

LIGHT ALL FIVE CANDLES

SONG:

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm 96

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

PRAYER:

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.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Feast traditionally lasts for 12 days from December 25 until January 6. You can use the same order as before, with a greeting, the lighting of the Christmas candle, a song and then these Scriptures and prayers for each day.

12/26 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Jeremiah 26:1-15; Psalm 31:1-27; Acts 6:8 - 7:60; Matthew 23:29-39

O Glorious Lord, your servant Stephen looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors: Grant that in all our sufferings here upon earth we may love and forgive our enemies, looking steadfastly to Jesus Christ our Lord, who sits at your right hand and intercedes for us; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

12/27 FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Exodus 33:18-23; Psalm 92; 1 John 1; John 21:9-25

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

12/28 FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Jeremiah 31:15-17; Psalm 124, Revelation 21:1-7; Matthew 2:13-18

Almighty God, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the Holy Innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

12/29 THE FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Song of Songs 6, Revelation 21:1-14; Psalm 144

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

12/30 THE FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Song of Songs 7, Revelation 21:15-22:5, Psalm 146

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Song of Songs 8, Revelation 22:6-end; Psalm 148

O God our Creator, you have divided our life into days and seasons, and called us to acknowledge your providence year after year: Accept your people who come to offer their praises, and, in your mercy, receive their prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1/1 THE CIRCUMCISION AND HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS

Exodus 34:1-9; Psalm 8; Romans 1:1-7; Luke 2:15-21

Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1/2 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Genesis 2; John 1:29-end; Psalm 5,6

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1/3 THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84; Matthew 2:13-23

Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1/4 THE TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Genesis 4; John 3:1-21; Psalm 8, 11

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1/5 THE ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Genesis 5; John 3:22-end; Psalm 12, 13, 14

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1/6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Isaiah 60:1-9; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:1-13; Matthew 2:1-12

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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11/28, First Sunday of Advent — Pastor Casey Solgos

12/4, Second Sunday of Advent — Pastor Meghan Robins

12/11, Third Sunday of Advent — Pastor Trevor McMaken

12/18, Fourth Sunday of Advent (Lessons & Carols) — Pastor Trevor McMaken

12/24, Christmas Eve (4pm & 5:30pm) — Pastor Trevor McMaken

12/25, Christmas Day — No service

1/1, The Second Sunday of Christmas — Pastor Casey Solgos

1/8, Epiphany Sunday — Rachel Wassink

1/15, The Baptism of Jesus — Pastor Mark Meyers



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