



Savior of
the Nations,
Come

DAILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

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*Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*

INTRODUCTION

**Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear
and son, and they shall call his name Immanuel
(which means, God with us).**

MATTHEW 1:23

Our Advent prayer, “Savior of the nations, come,” encompasses all the hope and joy of this season. Each day our Scripture and prayer focus on Jesus coming to earth and what this coming means for us, his followers. We ponder the eternal impact of Christ’s coming to all nations, to our cities and towns, to our families and church families, and to ourselves. God bless us all, as we prepare our hearts for the coming Savior.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you ...
And nations shall come to your light, and kings
to the brightness of your rising.**

ISAIAH 60:1-3

Savior of the nations, we begin this blessed Advent season with your light shining in our hearts. Your coming brings light to the nations. All nations! How sad it is to see nations decay, sinking into darkness. We pray for all nations, that their people will be drawn to your light of love and salvation. Enable all Christians, scattered throughout the nations, to arise and shine, drawing many to the brightness of your rising. Virgin's Son, make here your home. Amen.

MONDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

**The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world. He was in the world,
and the world was made through him,
yet the world did not know him.**

JOHN 1:9-10

Savior of the nations, you were there at creation. At the beginning of time, all things were made through you. Then, in the fullness of time, you came into the world to save all people. These amazing truths of creation and salvation still are rejected by millions who do not know you. We, who know you, pray that you open doors for your messengers all over the world. Open millions of hearts to know you as their Savior. Virgin's Son, make here your home. Amen.

TUESDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

JEREMIAH 23:5

Savior of the nations, you are the righteous Branch, a shoot from David's family tree. David was a great and mighty king, but you alone are righteous. You alone are all-wise and able to execute justice and righteousness in the land. This land and every land on earth need to know that their great and wise King is coming. Bless every Christian outreach to souls far and wide. Virgin's Son, make here your home. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

Savior of the nations, you charged the disciples with carrying your message to the end of the earth. Powered by the Spirit, they traveled by land and sea, witnessing far into the world of their time. Today's world is much bigger, yet it can be spanned quickly via technology. Grant the same Holy Spirit power to your Church to use all of today's tools wisely, always seeking to spread the Gospel to the end of the earth. Virgin's Son, make here your home. Amen.

THURSDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9

Savior of the nations, you came to save people from every part of this globe. Sometimes we forget that many—maybe even most—of the people in that great multitude at your Second Coming won't look anything like us. Forgive us for our small-mindedness. Expand our vision of your kingdom. Nurture in us a love for all peoples and tribes who, one glorious day, will stand beside us before your throne. Virgin's Son, make here your home. Amen.

FRIDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations.

LUKE 24:46-47

Savior of the nations, we praise you for coming to earth to be born, to suffer and die for our sins, and finally to rise from the dead. This truly is grace. We do not deserve your love, yet you shower us with grace and blessing upon blessing. Set our hearts right this Advent season. Inspire and guide us to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins in your name to all nations. Virgin's Son, make here your home. Amen.

These daily Scripture verses and prayers for the season of Advent turn our eyes toward Jesus, Savior of the nations, coming to earth. Starting in week one, we see Jesus coming to all nations. Then we narrow the focus in the weeks that follow to our cities and towns, to our families and church families and, finally, to ourselves. Reliving the joy of Christ's first coming reminds us that the whole world needs to hear this amazing story, to believe it, and so to receive the gift of eternal life.

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