

DAILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

KNEEL
and ADORE
HIM



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O come,
little children,

O come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste,
to the manger so small,
God's Son for a gift
has been sent you this night
To be your redeemer,
your joy and delight.



Kneel down and adore him
with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now
and praise him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior
from sin you can boast,
And join in the song
of the heavenly host.

Introduction

*O come, let us worship
and bow down:*

*Let us kneel before the LORD,
our maker!*

PSALM 95:6

Advent calls us to reflection and prayer. Advent calls us to kneel and adore the Savior, born to set us free from sin and death, born the King to rule in our hearts, born the Brother to love us, born the Friend who will never leave us. May these Advent prayers draw us closer to the One we adore, Christ our Lord.

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The First Sunday of Advent

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

1 JOHN 4:14

Advent begins, Lord Jesus, a time to ponder your coming into the world. The Father's love sent you, not only to me, but to all humankind. You died for all, that we may live with you eternally. Guide me through these Advent days. Give me a softened, repentant heart. Then stir me to action, ready to testify to those who may not yet know your love, that you are the Savior of the world. I kneel and adore you, Savior. Amen.

Monday, the First Week of Advent

“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” **MATTHEW 1:20-21**

It's good news this Monday morning, dearest Jesus. The angel's message to Joseph, “Do not fear,” is your message to all who love you. This Advent I will cling to your promise to come near, to be with me each day, to share all my joys and sorrows. I will remember you took on human flesh to live and die, to rise again for sinners like me. What love, Lord! For all this I kneel and adore you, Savior. Amen.

Tuesday, the First Week of Advent

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ, the Lord." **LUKE 2:10-11**

When you were asleep in the manger, Lord Jesus, did you smile as the angel announced, to equally sleepy shepherds, you had arrived as promised? They had waited so long for your advent. Every needy soul longed for your coming. Today the faithful long for your second coming. Clear away what matters so little these Advent days. Instead, use me, Jesus, to share your promise with others: "This Savior is for you!" I kneel and adore you, Savior. Amen.

Wednesday, the First Week of Advent

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

You came, Lord Jesus, that first Advent, to save sinners. The written word assures me I can trust this good news. Without you I'm lost, my sins separating me from a holy God. You changed all that. You lived a perfect life in my place. You died the death I deserved. You took me with you from death to new life. Empower me to live out my thanks and praise for all you've done. I kneel and adore you, Savior. Amen.

Thursday, the First Week of Advent

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. **JOHN 1:29**

Advent speaks of your “coming,” Lord Jesus. When the time had come for you to begin teaching, healing, revealing your identity as God’s own Son, John the Baptist prepared the way. John introduced you, dispelling any hint that he himself might be the Savior. He pointed to you. Only you, Jesus, were God’s Lamb, the sacrifice required to free the world from sin and death. Let every breath I take today honor you, my Savior. Help me point others to you today. I kneel and adore you, Savior. Amen.

Friday, the First Week of Advent

*For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost.* **LUKE 19:10**

Lord Jesus, sometimes I feel lost and confused. Living in this world can be a struggle, not only for me, but for so many. Remembering your words, assuring us that you came looking for us, renews our hope, restores our confidence, ignites our joy. You sought us out to save us. And you did. You deserve our thanks and praise for rescuing the lost from sin and death. May everyone I meet this day see your love reflected in me. I kneel and adore you, Savior. Amen.



Advent is a time for us to bow before the Lord in prayer. How do we do that? By kneeling and adoring him in our hearts, as the shepherds and wise men did, and as Mary and Joseph did when they came into the presence of the Christ Child and recognized the miracle of his birth and the divine holiness within his human form. In these prayers for the weeks of Advent, come to know our Lord even more, for he is not just a baby to coo at, but our Savior, King, Brother and Friend forever.

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