



HARK THE
HERALD
ANGELS
SING

DAILY PRAYERS *for* **ADVENT**

STEPHENIE HOVLAND



Introduction

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”*

The angels sang of Jesus’ birth on that Christmas night so long ago. That blessed night was filled with sights and sounds we can only imagine. This Advent, let us look to our own lives, to our impact on others, and to our Lord above. We can be grateful for all the blessings in our wonderful lives.

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news." LUKE 1:19

Heavenly Father, we marvel at the ways you care for your children. You have sent us the message of repentance and hope this Advent season. We sometimes wish we could be personally visited by the herald angels, the angels who bring good news. Help us to be content to read about them in the Bible and know that you have given us all the good news we need in your Holy Word. Amen.

FIRST MONDAY of ADVENT

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.” LUKE 1:13

Dear God, though we don't hear from Gabriel as Zechariah did before John's birth, we know you have sent us good news, too. Like the people who needed to repent because the Messiah was coming, we also need to turn away from our sins. Help us examine our actions and motives to see what we can confess, that we will also be ready for Jesus' coming. Amen.

FIRST TUESDAY of ADVENT

*And he came to her and said,
“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord
is with you!”* LUKE 1:28

O Lord, we cannot imagine the weight of responsibility Mary must have carried. Knowing God and the whole world expected her to do so much must have been overwhelming. And yet, Lord, we often feel overwhelmed by the vocations you have given us—in our jobs, in our families, as neighbors, and as your children. Like Mary, we need to know you are always with us and give us everything we need to live the life set before us. Amen.

FIRST WEDNESDAY of ADVENT

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. MATTHEW 1:21

Dear Father in heaven, you sent angels to give so many important messages. As I keep reading them in the Bible, I am in awe of your creation. First, you created the earth, but then sin crept in. Then, you created a plan of salvation for every single person. You promised a Savior, a Messiah. What a wonderful Christmas present for each of us! Thank you for sending Jesus! Amen.

FIRST THURSDAY of ADVENT

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. LUKE 2:9

O Lord, your glory is so great, the shepherds were filled with fear. We read repeatedly about how awesome your presence is, that even your angels make people react with fear. We humble people can't imagine your glory. We can't begin to know what it will be like to be in your presence in heaven. Help us, Lord, to look forward to eternity with you and all believers, basking in the glory and love of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.



Every year, we enjoy watching our favorite, classic holiday movies. We find comfort in our favorites, like *It's a Wonderful Life*, but the peace that surpasses all understanding can be found in daily reading of God's Word and prayer with our Heavenly Father.

As you prepare your heart and home this Advent season, remember that our wonderful life is due to a wonderful God.

This book, along with many other *Creative Communications for the Parish* products, is available on **amazon**kindle and **nook**
by Barnes & Noble

By Stephenie Hovland. Design by Jeff McCall. Cover image: Shutterstock.
© 2020 Creative Communications for the Parish, a division of Bayard, Inc.
1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. 800-325-9414. www.creative-communications.com. All rights reserved. Printed in the USA. **HH4**