

Daily Prayers *for* Advent

ALL IS BRIGHT



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The people who walked
in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land
of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

ISAIAH 9:2



INTRODUCTION

*Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright.*

On a silent night, the Light of the World was born. And although the darkness still threatens to overwhelm, God continues to shine his light of hope, peace, joy and love to us and through us. May these Advent prayers lead us to see that all is bright indeed.

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The First Sunday of Advent

Be still, and know that I am God!

PSALM 46:10

Heavenly Father, everywhere I turn, I see chaos, conflict and confusion. With so many voices clamoring for my attention, how can I hear your message of hope? Slow my pace and quiet me. Help me to push pause, take a step back and reflect on your promises made perfect in your Son Jesus, my Savior and Lord. Drown out the competing noises of the world and draw me closer to you. Open my ears to your Word and my heart to hope in you.

Amen.

MONDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Truly the eye of the LORD is on those
who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love.*

PSALM 33:18

There are days, O Lord, when discouragement weighs heavy, days where it feels like all hope is lost. Images of what life “should” look like are everywhere, and I can’t help but wonder if buying this or that would fix things. It’s as if I believe that presents are the answer when your presence is what truly matters. Forgive me for placing my hope in glitz and glitter, rather than in you and your steadfast love. **Amen.**

TUESDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*But as for me, I will look to the LORD,
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me. MICAH 7:7*

Lord God, waiting can be tough. I want what I want now, and if it doesn't come when I think it should, I get impatient, thinking I haven't been heard. But that's what Advent is all about, isn't it? Remind me that you have already heard me and sent what I need most—your Son, my Savior. As I wait for his Second Coming, give me patience to trust your timing, not mine. **Amen.**

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not
for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

Dear Jesus, when someone asks how I'm doing, I often reply, "Fine, under the circumstances." Especially these days, holiday busy-ness gets piled on top of everything else that weighs heavy on my heart. You know what those things are; I place them in your hands. Fill me with hope in the assurance that you are with me and for me. Help me live above my circumstances today. **Amen.**

THURSDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

Almighty God, too often I place my hope in people, places and things ... only to discover they are fickle and imperfect, destined to disappoint. More than a Promise Maker, you are the one true Promise Keeper. You fulfilled the greatest promise ever made by sending Jesus. Help me to grasp that hope in you is the only hope that will never disappoint.

Amen.



FRIDAY, THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. 1 PETER 3:15

Loving Lord, give me the courage to share with others the hope I find in you. Open my eyes to opportunities, whether with a stranger or someone I hold dear. Help me see what is needed. If it's a listening ear, help me listen. If it's something this person needs to hear, let my words be your words. Above all, help me live to tell the story of hope found only in you.

Amen.



All is bright
this Advent season as we await the arrival of the Light of the World, Jesus, our Savior. The prayers in this booklet by Jane Wilke enlighten our hearts, souls and minds with the Good News that the glory of the Lord will be revealed in a tiny baby boy. Let these petitions brighten each day of your Advent celebration.

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