


LET YOUR

Light Shine



Daily
Prayers
for Advent

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Monday, the First Week of Advent

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

JOHN 1:5

Dear Jesus, I confess that there are many ways I attempt to let the dark areas of my life overtake your light. Whether it's my many sinful manifestations of jealousy, greed and selfishness or my feelings of worry, fear or despair, I'm powerless to prevent my darkness from consuming me. But that's not my reality. The truth is, your perpetual light and relentless love outshine all of my sins and struggles. In you, I have a new life. Shine on me, Lord, so that, by your power, my perspective, behavior and attitude become a reflection of you. Amen.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
In My Dark Times

Tuesday, the First Week of Advent

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them.

EPHESIANS 5:11

Lord Jesus, you know all the dark places I tread. I participate in gossip, seek personal gain at the expense of others, adopt worldly values, habits and addictions, and occupy my time in unfruitful activities. Yet, rather than confessing my sinfulness to you, I often hide by justifying my behavior or ignoring the consequences of my actions. But I don't want to live in darkness anymore. Thank you, Jesus, for your invitation to expose my darkness to your light. That's where I can see my sin for what it is and find the way to repentance. Thank you for stepping into my darkness and sacrificing yourself so that I may be fully forgiven and free to live in a way that glorifies you. Amen.

Wednesday, the First Week of Advent

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PSALM 27:1

Dear Jesus, I'm afraid of the dark! Every day, I am confronted by news of war, hatred, danger, political unrest or natural disaster. Even among my family and friends looms the darkness of broken relationships, illness, power struggles and anxiety. I admit that my fear often overwhelms me. Shine into my darkness, Lord. Remind me that you know all things—past, present and future—and that you are in control. Because of you, I have nothing and no one to fear! Let your light shine in my anxious heart and give me peace until the day you return and darkness will be no more. Amen.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
In My Dark Times

Thursday, the First Week of Advent

I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.

JOHN 12:46

Jesus, how I take for granted the changed life I have because you were born into this world to be my light in the darkness! In this season of Advent, renew my spirit, that I may fully experience your power within me to shine in the light of your grace and mercy in the face of temptation and hardship. Remind me that I don't have to remain trapped in darkness, but that sin, grief and despair give way to hope and renewal through you. Amen.

Friday, the First Week of Advent

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

ISAIAH 42:6-7

Lord Jesus, at this time of year, I confess that I am imprisoned by preparations, expectations and busyness. I allow all of the activity of the season to cloud my vision, and I often forget to focus on you. Free me from my prison, Lord. Open my eyes, that I may gaze into your light that frees me from the entrapments of daily life and reveals to me the way to everlasting life. Amen.

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In My Dark Times

Saturday, the First Week of Advent

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

REVELATION 21:23

Jesus, Lamb of God, I look forward to this glorious time in heaven, when there will be no more darkness and we will bask in your eternal light. I admit, though, that even in this season of Advent, it's hard to stay focused on this hopeful future when the troubles of today demand my attention. Assure me, Lord, that your light shines bright even on this side of heaven. Let me see clearly your light that guides me in every trial. Remind me daily that because you have overcome this world and its temporary darkness, I can live in hope today, trusting in your grace and mercy in every affliction. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.

ISAIAH 33:2

Lord Jesus, in this waiting season of Advent, when I anticipate the celebration of your birth and your return on the Last Day, I am also reminded of the ways that I wait with an anxious heart. During times of uncertainty when answers can't be found, when there is no end in sight to a difficult situation, when I long for relief in times of illness or grief—these are times when waiting seems unbearable. Yet, your Word assures me that your light is there to greet me every morning. You are my answer in times of trouble. Help me, Lord, to always look to you in hopeful anticipation of your grace and good work in every anxious moment of my life. Amen.

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In My Waiting Days

Lights shine everywhere this time of year, bringing beauty and joy to the Advent season. Yet, looming in the shadows are all the troubles of this world that often darken our spirits. The daily Advent prayers in this booklet by Sandi Geis help us look to Jesus, the Light of the World, who overcomes all darkness with his gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

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