

# Watching For Our Savior



A daily prayer guide  
Advent 2025



This booklet of short daily prayers was created by the Discipleship Team of Harvest United Methodist Church to encourage our congregation to seek God together as we journey through Advent. Our focus this season will be on some of the prophetic promises of the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah's prophetic ministry took place more than seven centuries before the birth of Jesus. Isaiah brought words of correction and hope to the people of Israel in the years before the Assyrians invaded and conquered the ten northern tribes of Israel. There is historical context for these passages of Scripture as well as the certain hope of a Savior yet to come.

Each day's brief prayer will reflect on the beauty of those promises and the trustworthiness of the One who made them. Advent is a time for us to lean into the hope of which Isaiah spoke.

This booklet offers a prayer a day, Monday through Saturday each week of Advent, which leaves us room to gather as a community on Sundays.

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## Advent week 1

Scripture focus for this week's prayers  
Isaiah 2:1-5 (all Scriptures NRSV)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

### Monday, December 1

Our dear Lord, we long to walk in your light. Teach us your ways. In a world that has so much division, let us see the good in others. Let us love as you love, and let us reflect your light in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Tuesday, December 2

Thank you, Lord, for always being near to us. May your Holy Spirit break through our self-placed barriers so you may be known to us, that you may teach us your ways so we can walk in your light. We ask through Christ our Lord.

### Wednesday, December 3

God of all, who calls us to follow your way and to work toward the establishment of your kingdom, we ask you to teach us to live in peace with you and others, and we plead for an end to war. In your all-powerful name we pray. Amen.

### Thursday, December 4

Oh God our Supreme Judge, establish peace with justice in our world today, so that 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more,' Through Jesus, the Christ we ask.

### Friday, December 5

Oh God of heaven and earth, we pray you will open our eyes and hearts to learn how we might establish your temple. Help us learn your ways and direct our paths so that we can be among those who exalt in your peace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

### Saturday, December 6

God, we come to you as a people tossed about by the ways of the world. We pray that you will still our minds so that we are open to your prophecy. Make us instruments in the peace you have foretold. In Jesus name, we pray.



## Advent week 2

Scripture focus for this week's prayers:  
Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### Monday, December 8

Dear Father in Heaven, you know our hearts. We long for others to treat us fairly, but often forget to treat them with mercy and grace. Let your Spirit guide us, teaching us to be fair, merciful and loving. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

### Tuesday, December 9

We pray to you, Omnipotent One: As the 'leopard shall lie down with the kid...and the calf and lion will feed together,' help us to know that in your kingdom, every creature can live in peace with the 'other.' We ask in the name of the little Child who leads us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

### Wednesday, December 10

God of our fathers, forever Lord, you give us life and you guide us with the power of your Spirit. Instill in us the role-model and mind-set of Jesus the Christ to bring about justice and mercy so that all of creation may finally live in harmony in your presence. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

### Thursday, December 11

God of Abraham, we come to you in prayer asking you to make us confront our human nature when it is displeasing to you. Build in us a fire to bring about the justice you seek in the world. Amen.

### Friday, December 12

Dear Lord, you designed us individually, in your image. We thank you that we are not alike. Help us to embrace our differences. As we do, please use this change in perspective to bring your peace to your world. Amen.

### Saturday, December 13

Heavenly Father, your Son taught us the way we should live. We are to love one another, help those in need, treat others fairly, and live in peace with all people. May your Spirit guide us toward these goals. Amen.



## Advent week 3

Scripture focus for this week's prayers:  
Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Monday, December 15

Father God, you give us hope. Rescue us; put us on a path that pleases you. Let us and the world see and hear you. Let us spread peace and love as we walk in your footsteps; knowing you're walking beside us every step of the way. In your name we pray. Amen.

Tuesday, December 16

Oh God, we know that you are faithful. Come and save us, so that we might understand 'the eyes of the blind shall be opened,' and 'the tongue of the speechless will sing for joy,' so that your ransomed people may be overwhelmed with happiness and joy! In the name of Jesus we pray.

Wednesday, December 17

O Lord and Savior, source of joy, comfort us with your promise of salvation when all will be made well and your glory will triumph in all of creation. With grateful hearts we pray. Amen.

Thursday, December 18

Lord, full of splendor, open our eyes and ears and help us shout your name and fill us with the joy that overtakes us, in Your Name we pray.

Friday, December 19

Lord Almighty, the one who comes to save us, lead us to the Way of Holiness and help us to walk that Way so that we may enter Zion with singing and gladness and joy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Saturday, December 20

Father, the one who has rescued us, help us overcome our fearful hearts with Your strength as it is given to us. We, the redeemed, will walk with you as sorrow will flee away. In his name we pray, Amen.



## Advent week 4

Scripture focus for this week's prayers:  
Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test."

Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

### Monday, December 22

Wise and loving God, whose patience and mercy are great, help us to love you more and more as we marvel at the gift of your Son who shows us you are always with us. With praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

### Tuesday, December 23

We praise you, Emmanuel, that you are always with us, teaching us the right way in this world of uncertainty. We pray in his powerful name – Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

### Wednesday, December 24

Our Father, who has promised through the House of David a miraculous virgin birth. You kept your promise to be with us personally and permanently. We celebrate this promise in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!



“He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.” —Luke 1:69-73



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