



“For us, Advent begins in darkness- not a complete and utter darkness- but a palpable one. During Advent the themes of light and darkness are front and center. Within the Advent wreath are candles that generally represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well as the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ. Slowly darkness fades as more candles are lit with each passing week. Let us take time to praise the Lord! The Sunrise has visited us to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, guide our feet into the way of peace.”

DATE	SCRIPTURE	PRAYER
11/30	“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.” Genesis 1:3-4	“Lord, as we begin this season of Advent, may our hearts and minds be reoriented on you. You truly are the reason for this season. In your name we pray, Amen.”
12/1	“Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Acts 9:3-5	“Lord, often the things and ways of this world distract us from You. Help us to recognize that these things are not lasting and that they will not satisfy. May we ever be focused on you this season and every season. In your name we pray, Amen.”
2	“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9	“King Jesus, you’re coming! May we not experience this season as just one day after another! Grip our hearts and minds and remind us that just as you came all those years ago, you are coming again so not only do we commemorate your birth but we look forward to when you will come again! Come Lord Jesus! Amen.”

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3	"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14	"Jesus, you truly are "God with us." You put on flesh and moved into the neighborhood. Your deep affection for us drew you to us, to live with us, to die for us, and to rise for us. Remind us of this incredible act of love today. Amen."
4	"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21	"Jesus, your name means "The Lord Saves" and you truly did come and save us from our sins. As we look forward to your birth, may we remember that you were born to die for those you came to save. Your love for us runs so deep... Amen."
5	"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." Galatians 4:4-5	"Father God, we are so thankful that you chose to send your Son to pay the price that we might be adopted as your sons and daughters. You are the giver of the greatest gift! Praise you for your abundant love for your people! Amen."
6	"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him." Psalm 103:11-13	"Lord, may we take a moment today to stand in awe of you. Help us to contemplate your glory and be brought to worship at the thought of how incredible you are. May we praise your name as we live our lives for your Kingdom today and every day. Amen."
7	"And being found in human form, He [Christ] humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:8-11	"Lord, we ask that you would humble our hearts, that we would be reminded of our place in your Kingdom. King Jesus, may we submit to your rule, not to avoid punishment but as a response to your incredible love for us. May we live as you designed us to, in humble submission to your Lordship. Amen."
8	"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1	"Lord, no matter how far we try to stray from you, your love extends to the furthest reaches of this earth. Thank you for your faithfulness, for your patience, for your incredible love. Amen."
9	"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23	"Jesus, through you we are granted life in you. We are granted unity with one another. We begin those things now on this planet when we die to our sin and live for you. Help us to do this moment by moment today. Amen."
10	"because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79	"Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace that you might create glimpses of Heaven while here on earth. Amen."
11	"...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" Ephesians 5:8	"Lord, this world is all about smoke and mirrors, pretending and posturing. Help us to walk in the light as you call us to, not managing our sin but putting it to death and embracing the mercy and forgiveness you freely give. Thank you, Lord. Amen."

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12	"(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)," Ephesians 5:9	"Lord, may we bear fruit for your Kingdom as we live out your Gospel in word and deed day by day. Amen."
13	"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." Ephesians 5:11	"Father, like our first parents we are tempted to take fruit that is not for us. Please lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for your ways are better than whatever this world may offer. Protect us, Lord. Amen."
14	"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9	"Lord, we often need to be reminded who we are because this world tries to get us to prioritize other identities. Remind us this season that we are yours, adopted for a reason with a purpose. We are called to be light to a dark world. Amen."
15	"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." John 12:36	"Lord, we are meant to carry your light wherever we go. Remind us of this today and everyday. Amen."
16	"that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world," Philippians 2:15	"Father, our pursuit of holiness is not for our own pride or to gain your favor. It is because through our increased reflection of you we bring your Kingdom to bear on the world around us. Demonstrating our transformation to the world leads to transformation of the world. Thank you Lord for using us to do your work. Amen."
17	"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	"Father, may we be in awe of you this season. Help us not to get caught up in all the busyness of the season and keep our hearts and minds on you. Amen."
18	"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:14	"Lord, we praise your name during this season and every season! Worthy are you of our praise! Hallelujah, amen!"
19	"When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.'" Luke 2:15	"Father, may we, like the shepherds, follow where you may lead. May our encounter with you so impact us but we cannot but seek to know more of you! Amen."
20	"And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child." Luke 2:16-17	"Lord, our calling is to bear witness to what we've seen and heard. Give us the boldness to share without fear, without reservation with whomever you place before us, Lord. May we be faithful as you are faithful. Amen."
21	"And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." Luke 2:18-19	"Lord, not all who we share with will receive what we have to say. Help us not to get disheartened but to trust in you and your plan for all things. Amen."
22	"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20	"Lord, when the shepherds saw that you had brought your Son into the world they could not help but speak about what they'd seen and heard. May we be so filled this season with joy from you that we go and do likewise. Amen."

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23	"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13	"Lord, you alone are our hope and peace. Help us to trust in you that we may overflow with hope through the power of your Spirit. Amen."
24	"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5	"Lord, there are times in this world when it seems like the darkness is winning. Remind us that you have overcome the darkness. We need not fear. Amen."
25	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6	"Jesus, we waited for you for hundreds of years until your birth. We now wait for your return for hundreds more. May we be joyful and faithful as we continue to wait for you. Merry Christmas to all. In your name we pray, Amen."
26	"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:9	"Jesus, when you came, you painted a picture of the Kingdom of Heaven from your first minute on earth. You are a light we are all to follow. May we be faithful as we seek to do so. Amen."
27	"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12	"Jesus, you give us light, you give us life. You are our everything. Our focus is on you today and every day. We love you, Lord. Amen."
28	"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." John 12:46	"Lord, no longer do we have to walk in darkness. We can trust you, we can see how we are to live through you, your teaching, and your example. Thank you for lighting our way. Amen."
29	"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16	"Father, we are called to be more than we realize. It is intimidating sometimes to realize that we are meant to continue the work of your Son, but that is precisely what we are called to do. Give us the strength and resolve to do that which you have called us to. Amen."
30	"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7	"Lord, to be light we cannot dabble in darkness. Shed light onto the areas of our lives that we are reluctant to give to you. Amen."
31	"But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6	"Lord, as we wrap up this year, may we look back on it thankfully and look forward into the next year fully awake, embracing our identity as light in a dark world and may your Kingdom come, your will be done in us and through us. Amen."