



LIGHT IN THE ORDINARY

Advent Devotional

2025



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



HOW TO USE THIS ADVENT GUIDE

Each week begins with a short devotional thought and Scripture to help you pause, reflect, and notice God's light in the ordinary moments of life. After reading the devotional, choose the path that best fits your current season:

- **Family Path** – for households with kids or those wanting to engage together through conversation and shared practice.
- **Individual Path** – for personal reflection, prayer, and simple acts of faith in daily life.

You are welcome to read both paths, switch between them, or mix and match the practices. Make it your own. There is no wrong way to engage with this guide.

The goal isn't perfection, it's faithful openness. Come ready to listen, respond, and participate in whatever God has for you this week. Trust that He meets us right in the middle of ordinary days, and His light is already breaking through.



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Week 1

Hope in the ordinary days



Weekly Devotional Thought

The Christmas story doesn't begin with angels singing, crowds celebrating, or a dramatic spotlight. It begins in the quiet, everyday routines of life. Zechariah wasn't searching for a miracle; he was simply doing his job, showing up to the temple like he always did. Year after year, he and Elizabeth prayed for a child. Year after year, nothing changed.

But in the ordinary, God was already moving. When the angel appeared, hope broke into Zechariah's normal day. It didn't erase his doubts or his questions—but it revealed a deeper truth: God had never forgotten him. We can feel the same way, stuck in routines, weighed down by unanswered prayers, or assuming nothing is happening. Yet Advent reminds us: Christ brings hope into ordinary days. His light breaks through long seasons of waiting. Hope doesn't depend on what we see changing—it depends on the One who is faithful.

This week, we're invited to open our eyes to God's quiet presence and believe that He is working, even when life feels routine.



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE





Week 1

Moment of Light



Before you begin, take a simple action:

- Light a candle, turn on a lamp, or open a window/blinds

As the light appears, take one slow breath:

Inhale: Jesus, my Light

Exhale: Make me a light

Let this prayer settle your heart and remind you that Christ shines in you and through you, right in the ordinary moments of life.



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Week 1

Family Path

for households with kids or those wanting to engage together through conversation and shared practice.



1. Read Together

Luke 1:5–18

2. Talk About It

Discussion Question:

Where have we felt like God is silent or nothing is changing, and how might God still be working even if we can't see it yet? (For younger kids: "Can God be close even when we don't feel Him?")

3. Act of Faithfulness

"Bring Hope to Someone Ordinary"

Choose one person in your daily world—teacher, neighbor, cashier, coach, grandparent—and do something simple to bring hope:

- Make a card
- Drop off cookies
- Pray for them as a family
- Send an encouraging message

The goal: Notice someone God placed in your ordinary life and shine light there.



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Week 1

Family Path

Continued

4. Listen and Respond

Take 60 seconds of quiet as a family and ask: "God, who do You want us to bring hope to this week?"

★ Invite each person to share one word or thought afterward.

5. Prayer

★ *Jesus, thank You for being close in our ordinary days. Help us see You, trust You, and share Your hope with someone this week. Shine Your light through our family. Amen.*



*Arise and shine forth
for your light has come and
the glory of the Lord
has dawned upon you.*



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Isaiah 60:1



Week 1

Individual Path

for personal reflection, prayer, and simple acts of
faith in daily life.



1. Read

Luke 1:5–18

2. Reflect

Reflection Question:

- Where do I feel stuck, overlooked, or unheard, and how might God be inviting me to trust Him in the ordinary?
- If helpful, journal 2–3 sentences.

3. Act of Faithfulness

“One Small Yes”

Choose one simple act that reflects hope:

- Pray daily for one person
- Encourage someone who seems discouraged
- Reach out to someone you’ve lost touch with
- Commit 5 minutes a day to Scripture or prayer

Not dramatic. Just faithful. Just ordinary.
Trust that God moves through small yeses.



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE





Week 1

Individual Path

Continued



4. Listen and Respond

Sit quietly for one minute.

Pray: "God, show me where You are working in my ordinary life." *Write down anything that comes to mind, no matter how small.*

5. Prayer

Lord, when life feels routine or prayers feel unanswered, remind me that You are near. Renew my hope in You. Help me walk faithfully this week, trusting that You are already moving. Amen.



*Arise and shine forth,
for your light has come and
the glory of the Lord
has dawned upon you.*



TRINITY
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Isaiah 60:1





Week 1

Share Hope Invitation



At some point this week, share hope with someone outside your home. This could be:

- A word of encouragement
- A prayer
- A text or note
- An invitation to church or Advent activities
- Sharing what God is teaching you

Let hope move through you, not just to you.

**Light doesn't wait for perfect moments.
Jesus shines in ordinary days.
Look for Him and share His hope.**

Go in peace. Amen.