

Praying ✨ Through *Advent*

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A NOTE FROM ADRIENNE —

I really wanted to engage with the Word of God this year (2025) for the Advent Series. Remembering a simple yet impactful format from one of my favorite resources, *Face to Face* by Kenneth Boa, I adopted it for this series. Each day, we will pray scripture back to God using five different types of prayers: Adoration, Repentance, Petition, Intercession, and Thanksgiving. The verses chosen center (and expand) from Advent themes.

I want to encourage you not to stop with my selections. There are many more verses on these subjects. What would you add to these days? What verses bubble up from your heart? What others can you find?

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! Romans 11:33

WEEK ONE

Traditionally, the first Sunday of Advent is all about hope, and the first candle of the Advent wreath is called the prophet's candle. There are over 300 (some say more) prophecies recorded in the Bible that promise the coming of the Messiah. They were fulfilled when Jesus was born. This history strengthens our hope, now, as we wait for Jesus' return as King.

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Adoration & Worship

We praise you, LORD, you are faithful with every promise you speak — This is our hope, and we won't let go! Hebrews 10:23

Repentance & Confession

Forgive us, God, for harboring false hope. You are the only savior, and we set our eyes on you and hope alone in your steadfast love for us. Psalm 33:17-18

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Holy Spirit, you are truth, and I need you. Lead me and teach me so I can put my hope in God all day, every day. Psalm 25:5

Intercession (praying for others)

Father, I pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ, according to your mercy, that we understand the living hope we are born again into. Our imperishable inheritance is to know your son, Jesus! 1 Peter 1:3-4

Thanksgiving

With thanksgiving, LORD, we call this to mind: your mercies never end, they are new every morning. You are faithful! You are our portion! Therefore, we hope in you! Lamentations 3:21-24

DAY TWO, LAMB OF GOD

Adoration & Worship

O Lamb of God, perfect Lamb. You are worthy of all the blessing and honor and glory, Lord! Revelation 5

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Lord, for hearing but not doing what you've said. I want to be wise, like one who builds their house on the rock. To hear and do what you say, that is endurance. Matthew 7:24-27

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I want to respond like Abraham, Lord. Put the *here I am* response in my heart and let it rise to early obedience. Genesis 22:1-3

Intercession (praying for others)

Your word says your sheep know your voice, and they will not listen to another — help us, Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see the life you've laid before us, and open our ears to hear and follow you. John 10:4-5, 11, 27

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Jehovah Jireh, for providing the Lamb, for the sacrifice we could never produce, grow, or gather on our own. Your blood, your life poured out, makes us new. You are faithful! Genesis 22:9-14, Matthew 26:28

DAY THREE, ROOT OF DAVID

Adoration & Worship

Jesus, you are the root, the BRANCH that came forth from the house of David. You are the Spirit of the Lord, of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, and the knowledge and the fear of the Lord. We bow in reverence to you, who judges in righteousness! Isaiah 11:1-5, 2 Chronicles 17

Repentance & Confession

I need you, Jesus! You are the Vine. I can do nothing apart from you. John 15:4-5

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Holy Spirit, teach me. I want to be a fruitful bough with branches that run over the walls, yielding fruit in every season. Genesis 49:22, Psalm 1:3

Intercession (praying for others)

You command us to love one another as you have loved us. Help us, Lord, your church, to bear this glorious fruit. John 15:12-17

Thanksgiving

Lion of Judah, Root of David, you have prevailed through the ages, through life and death. I am alive and victorious because of you—through you. All blessing and thanksgiving to you! Revelation 5:5, Revelation 22:16

DAY FOUR, CORNERSTONE

Adoration & Worship

You, Jesus, are our sure foundation, a tried and tested cornerstone. We believe in you! Righteousness and justice are the plumb lines, and we gladly align with you and your ways. Isaiah 28:16-17

Repentance & Confession

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; we have had enough of contempt, enough of our ease, enough of our pride. We look to you until you have mercy on us. Psalm 123

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I want my life to be built on you, Jesus, the Cornerstone. Give me wisdom and care to build, so that in the testing and on the Day, you will be glorified. Holy Spirit, remind me each day that I am God's temple. 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Intercession (praying for others)

For your church, Lord, help us see that we are members of the household of God, built on you, Jesus, the cornerstone. A whole structure, being joined together, growing into your holy temple. Spirit, by you, we are being built together into a dwelling place for God. Ephesians 2:19-22

Thanksgiving

We open up to you, Jesus, come in, and hear us give thanks to you. Others have rejected you, but we anchor in you. You are our salvation, and it is marvelous in our eyes! This is the day you have made, and we rejoice and are glad in it. Psalm 118:19-24

DAY FIVE, HIS GOVERNMENT

Adoration & Worship

We bow in reverence to our king—the son of man, son of God. The government is on your shoulders, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Your reign will only increase! Isaiah 9:6-7

Repentance & Confession

I have gone astray and turned to my own way. Forgive me for trusting what was right in my own eyes over your government. I want to be a stream of water in your hand. Isaiah 53:6, Proverbs 21:1-3

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Enlarge my heart, Lord, so I can run in your ways. Psalm 119:32

Intercession (praying for others)

Oh that we would stretch our tent pegs, Lord, open wide the curtains, and strengthen our stakes, and possess the land (figuratively and literally) you have given us, Lord of hosts, God of the whole earth. Isaiah 54:2-3, 5

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who saves and leads us to pastures, to springs of living water. Your reign and rule are life and life more abundantly. John 10:9-10, Revelation 7:17

DAY SIX, GREAT LIGHT

Adoration & Worship

Word of God, you have always been, and everything exists through you. You are life. You are the true light, and we see you, Jesus. We look to your glory, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-4, 9, 14

Repentance & Confession

I've let darkness intimidate me, forgive me, Jesus. You shine in darkness, and darkness cannot comprehend it. John 1:5

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Jesus, that my life would bear witness to you. I will not hide my light under a basket, but set it on a stand, like a city on a hill that cannot be hidden! Be glorified in me and through me! Matthew 5:14-16, John 1:8

Intercession (praying for others)

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, Father of Lights. That will never change! Today, will you show my friends and family how much more you love to give? Hebrews 1:17, Matthew 7:11

Thanksgiving

We have seen a great light! Hope! There is no gloom, no night, no shadow, nor darkness so deep that you cannot and do not overcome it. We praise and bless your name! Isaiah 9:1-2, John 1:5

DAY SEVEN, YOUR WORD & WAY

Adoration & Worship

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Every word you speak is accomplished. Like the rain that falls from heaven to water and brings forth seeds for the sower and bread for the eater, your word succeeds in the thing for which it was sent. Revelation 22:3, Isaiah 55:11

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Lord, I have done what is right in my own eyes as if you are not my king. I want to do what is right in your eyes, and turn my feet to your ways. Judges 17:6, 1 King 15:5, Psalm 119:59

Petition (asking for personal needs)

To know you, Lord, that is my request. I press on to know you, Lord, for your coming is as sure as the dawn. Hosea 6:3

Intercession (praying for others)

Holy Spirit, fill us and empower us to prepare a way for the Lord's return. Use us to turn the hearts of generations towards each other in oneness, to turn hearts back, Father God, to be light in darkness, and to lead others in the way of peace. Luke 1:13-17, 1:67-79

Thanksgiving

Jesus, we praise you! You author and perfect our faith. Every work you begin in us, you are faithful to complete. Hebrews 12:2, Philippians 1:6

WEEK TWO

The second Sunday of Advent centers on the theme of peace, and the candle lit in the wreath is called Bethlehem's candle. This week takes a look at some of the people in the Christmas story, and their journeys of faith, adjusting, beholding, and waiting. We can learn so much from them and the way they responded to what the Lord was doing then, as we lean into what he is doing now.

DAY EIGHT, PEACE

Adoration & Worship

Prince of Peace, the increase of your government and of peace will never end. We are just getting started! Isaiah 9:7

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Lord, for harboring offense. You say, Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me. You have delivered me. Psalm 86:11-13

Intercession (praying for others)

I pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ who are faint and overwhelmed. Your word says that even though we will have tribulations, we also have peace because you have overcome the world! John 16:33, Psalm 61:2

Thanksgiving

Through your blood, Jesus, poured out on the cross, you have made peace between us and the Father. And you equip us with everything good so we can do your will. To you, God of peace, be glory forever and ever. Colossians 1:20, Hebrews 13:20-21

DAY NINE, JOSEPH & ZECHARIAH

Adoration & Worship

We worship you, Lord. You have visited and redeemed us, you raised up the horn of salvation through the house of David, just as you promised. In your mercy, you remembered your covenant with your people, and we are saved from our enemy. We now serve you without fear, in holiness and in righteousness, all of our days. Luke 1:67-75

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Lord, for not believing your words and their time for fulfillment. Luke 1:20

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Holy Spirit, pour over me anew. I want to prophesy, dream your dreams, and see visions so that you will be glorified in me and through me. Joel 2:28:29

Intercession (praying for others)

I pray for my brothers in Christ who are leading families and communities in the ways of God. Continue in righteousness and holiness. Continue in faith and strength. Thank you for carrying the heart of the Father and calling on the name of Jesus! May the Spirit of the Lord give you more dreams, visions, and words to watch unfold before you. Luke 1:5-26, Matthew 1:8-25

Thanksgiving

Thank you for sending your word to us, Lord, to prepare our hearts for what you are doing. You give us dreams to help us. You send angels to encourage us. You never leave us alone; you are always with us. Matthew 1:20, Matthew 2:13, 19, & 22

DAY TEN, MARY & ELIZABETH

Adoration & Worship

We magnify you, Lord, and rejoice in you, Savior. You look on the humble and call us blessed. You have done great things for us, and your name is holy. Your mercy is for those who fear you, from generation to generation. Your arm is strong, and you scatter our enemy. You fill the hungry with good things. You are our help! Luke 1:46-55

Repentance & Confession

I believe, Lord, help my unbelief. Mark 9:25

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Lord, that my response to you will always be, Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. Luke 1:38

Intercession (praying for others)

I pray for my sisters in Christ today as they carry the Word of God. I bless you and leap for joy at your obedience to the Lord. Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord. Luke 1:39-45

Thanksgiving

Nothing, Lord, is too difficult or too wonderful for you. You have made the heavens and earth by your power and outstretched arm. Nothing is impossible with you! Genesis 8:14, Jeremiah 32:17, Luke 1:37

DAY ELEVEN, FULLNESS

Adoration and Worship

Jesus, you are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Everything was created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—everything was created through you and for you. You are before all things, and you are holding all things together. You are the head of the church and the firstborn from the dead. You are preeminent, Jesus! The fullness of God was pleased to dwell in you. Colossians 1:15-19

Repentance & Confession

I have let other, lesser things take up space in my heart, soul, and mind. Forgive me, Jesus. I was made to be filled by you and your glory; let the train of your robe fill this temple. Luke 2:7, Isaiah 6:1, 2 Chronicles 7:1

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I need the kingdom of heaven to have a home in me. Come, Jesus, like a little leaven hidden in me that makes a whole loaf of bread rise, like a little seed in me until I grow into a full garden. Matthew 13:31-33

Intercession (praying for others)

Praying for your church, Jesus, that we will not unequally yoke ourselves with the world. There is no partnership between righteousness and lawlessness. There is no fellowship between light and darkness. We are your temple, Living God, and have no agreement with idols. We are your dwelling place alone. You are our God, and we are your people. As your sons and daughters, Lord Almighty, we separate ourselves from the kingdom of darkness. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Thanksgiving

We are earthen vessels filled with the treasure of your life, Jesus, proving that the surpassing power belongs to you, and not to us. We are afflicted, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. We are crucified with you, Jesus, so that your life is manifested in our bodies. How can we say thank you? 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

DAY TWELVE, SON OF THE MOST HIGH

Adoration & Worship

Jesus, you are the Son of the Most High God, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. Your throne is forever; there is no end to your reign. And we know you have given us understanding so that we may know true and eternal life — through you, Jesus, we are now children of God. Luke 1:31-33, 1 John 5:20

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Jesus, I have not loved my enemies the way you asked me to. Help me love, do good, expect nothing in return, and be merciful. As a child of God, I want to be merciful even as the Father is merciful. Luke 5:35-36

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Jesus, you did nothing of your own accord, but only what you saw the Father doing. I need to be more like you. John 5:19

Intercession (praying for others)

That your church would walk as children of light, bearing the fruit of light—all that is good and right and true, and that we would discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Holy Spirit, help us. Ephesians 5:9-10

Thanksgiving

Father, you loved us so much that you gave us your only son. Thank you. We believe in you, Jesus, and are no longer condemned to death, but have eternal life through you. What a savior! John 3:16-18

DAY THIRTEEN, VERY GREAT!

Adoration & Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. Psalm 104:1-2

Repentance & Confession

I want to be wholehearted before you, Lord. As you search the earth, you find me looking back at you. I want to see your strength, your greatness displayed on my behalf. 2 Chronicles 16:9

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Oh that I would strive with the energy you, Lord, powerfully work in me, by proclaiming you, confronting others with wisdom and truth. The hope of glory is you within me, and I want to be fully developed and mature at your coming. Help me, Spirit, be a good steward of what has been so graciously given to me in Jesus. Colossians 1:24-29

As I strive to be excellent at what is good and innocent of evil, come, crush Satan under my feet. Romans 16:19

Intercession (praying for others)

I am praying for those who need healing in their bodies today. Your word says that power goes out from you. So we reach toward you today in faith that you are the healer of our disease. Mark 5:25-34

Thanksgiving

Your name is called Mighty God, and it is a strong tower. Thank you, Lord, that you have given the righteous a name to call on, to run into, and we will be saved. Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 18:10

DAY FOURTEEN, STRENGTH IN THE WAITING

Adoration & Worship

We have heard and have come to know that you are the Everlasting God, Everlasting Father is your name, and you are the creator of the earth. You do not grow weary. So, we wait for you, LORD. Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 40:28

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Lord, for allowing my heart, soul, mind, and strength to become drowsy. I want to tarry with you in this hour. My spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak. Teach me to watch and pray so temptation has no place in me. Mark 14:37

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I'm exhausted, LORD. But you give power to the faint and strength to those who have no might. Strength rises as I wait on you. I want to soar like eagles, run, and be weary. I need you! Isaiah 40:29-31

Intercession (praying for others)

For my brothers and sisters in Christ, that we would run the race you've set before us, looking to you, waiting on you. We can do all things, whether in plenty or in hunger, abundance or in need, through you, Jesus, who strengthens us. Philippians 4:12-13, Hebrews 12:1

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord, for coming as the Redeemer, for letting us experience redemption. We wait for you, night and day, like Simeon and Anna, to see you come again as King of Kings. Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the glory of the Lord that is being prepared for us, that will rise on us. Luke 2:25:38

WEEK THREE

The third theme of Advent is Joy. If you're lighting an Advent wreath, this is the Shepherd's candle. Perhaps, more than the other themes, joy is the most understandable. An appropriate example is pregnancy. Carrying a baby for nine months, increasingly more laborious and expectant, until the gladness of hearing and holding the baby is a reality. If we multiply that times an impossible number of years, we might get a glimpse of how joyous the news of the Messiah's arrival would have been. Today, we get to celebrate everything Jesus is and was as we wait, in joy, for what is coming when he returns.

DAY FIFTEEN, JOY

Adoration & Worship

We join with heavenly host, this ancient chorus, to praise you, LORD, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he has favored! Luke 2:14

Repentance & Confession

Have mercy on me, Lord, and restore me with the joy of your salvation. Teach me humility because it is you who holds me together. Psalm 51:12

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Teach me to ponder every word you speak in my heart, and wonder at every fulfillment of your promises. Your word is my treasure, more than gold and silver, so I store it up in my heart. Luke 2:18-19, Psalm 119:72, Psalm 119:11

Intercession (praying for others)

I pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ, that as we tend to what you've called us to do, like the Shepherds, that we will be surrounded by your glory and aware of what you are speaking in this hour. And with haste, we will encourage each other to go and see the thing you have made known to us. Luke 2:8-9, 15-16

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord, we have no reason to fear, but you have given us every reason to behold you. You are our savior! You bring good news of great joy for all your people. Through you, Jesus, we are saved from death! Luke 2:10-11

DAY SIXTEEN, JOY OF HIS PRESENCE

Adoration & Worship

You are good, Lord, and your steadfast love endures forever. You've opened the gate of righteousness to us through Jesus. You are our salvation. Others have rejected you, but we build our lives on you. All this, from creation to your birth, your death, your resurrection, and your coming, Lord, is your doing. This is your day, these are your days, we rejoice in them and are glad. Psalm 118:1, 19-24

Repentance & Confession

You, Jesus, are able to keep me from stumbling. I need you. In your joy, your great joy, you present me blameless before the glory of the Father. You alone are savior, be glory and majesty, now and forever. Jude 1:24

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Make known to me the path of life. In your presence, there is fullness of joy, and I need joy. At your right hand are pleasures forevermore, so I'm sitting with you, it's where I belong. You make me glad with the joy of your presence. Psalm 16:11, Psalm 21:6, Acts 2:28

Intercession (praying for others)

That we, your church, would know the joyful shout! Happy are the people who walk in the light of your presence. Psalm 89:16

Thanksgiving

You have turned our mourning into dancing, and in the place of grave clothes, you have dressed us in gladness. Why? So that our glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever! Psalm 30:11-12

DAY SEVENTEEN, SPIRIT OF JOY

Adoration & Worship

Jesus, you came as a servant to a broken people, and we glorify you for your mercy! God of hope, you fill us with all joy and peace as we continue to trust you. It is in the power of the Holy Spirit that we abound in hope. Romans 15:8-9, 13

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, LORD, for not walking in the Spirit more. I crucify the flesh with its passions and desires because they are against the Spirit. I belong to you, Jesus! Galatians 5:16-17, 24

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Holy Spirit, come and lead me. Come, bear your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in me. I want to live by you and keep in step with you. Galatians 5:22-25

Intercession (praying for others)

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Instead, we want to be about matters of the kingdom—righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:26, Romans 14:17

Thanksgiving

Lord, I will rejoice in you always, and then, I will do it again because you are at hand. Without being anxious—rid me of anxiety—I make my requests known to you in thanksgiving. You are the God of peace who guards my heart and mind beyond comprehension. Philippians 4:4-7

DAY EIGHTEEN, FULLNESS OF JOY

Adoration & Worship

You, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. Psalm 92:4

Repentance & Confession

I have settled for lesser joys, Jesus. But your desire is for me to remain in you and for you to remain in me. Why? So that your joy may be in me, and my joy may be full. This abiding glorifies the Father! John 15:8-11

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I want to take you at your word, Jesus. You said ask and receive, so I'm asking, and I open my heart to receive what you are providing — make my joy full. John 16:16-24

Intercession (praying for others)

Your joy is our strength, Lord. We believe that we will see your goodness in our lives, in our land, in every detail. So we wait, and stay strong, and take courage in you. Nehemiah 8:10, Psalm 27:13-14

Thanksgiving

We remember, Lord, the great things you have done for us. Our mouths are filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy! Psalm 126:2

DAY NINETEEN, JOYFUL SINGING

Adoration & Worship

You, LORD our God, are right here with us, you save us, and delight over us with gladness! You quiet us with your love, and you rejoice over us with loud, joyful singing. You drive away our oppressor, you gather the lame and outcast, and you restore us. Hallelujah! Zephaniah 3:17-20

Repentance & Confession

Lord, I will not forget to bless you and to remember all your benefits. You heal my disease, redeem me from the pit, you crown me with love and mercy, and you satisfy me with good! I will sing to you, you triumph gloriously. Psalm 103:1-5, Exodus 15:1

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I want to become increasingly aware, Lord, that your salvation is now, but also for the age to come. Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to you always—yesterday, today, and forever. I praise and fear you, Jesus! Revelation 19:1-5, Hebrews 13:8

Intercession (praying for others)

Oh, that we, your bride, would get a vision for the Marriage of the Lamb. Let us rejoice and give you glory, that we would make ourselves ready, and clothe ourselves in the righteousness you have provided for us. We are blessed to be invited to this marriage feast! Revelation 19:6-10

Thanksgiving

It's an honor, God, to serve you and to do it with gladness. I bask in your presence today with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2

DAY TWENTY, WISEMEN

Adoration & Worship

Like the wisemen, Jesus, I fall down and worship you, King of Kings. I open my treasures, my very life, and offer it to you as a gift, a sacrifice, an extravagant act of worship. You are the one thing needed! Matthew 2:11, Luke 10:42

Repentance & Confession

I turn my eyes from looking at worthless things, Lord, and look to you. I watch for you, to see your signs and wonders. Lead me! Psalm 119:37, Matthew 2:9-10

Petition (asking for personal needs)

You fill all in all, Jesus. I am small, like the town of Bethlehem, but I'm seeking you, I am looking to be filled with you, to be a dwelling place for you. Matthew 2:6, Ephesians 1:23

Intercession (praying for others)

Spirit of wisdom and of revelation, open the eyes of hearts. We want to know Jesus! We want to know the hope of our calling, the riches you have stored in us, and your immeasurably great power towards us. Ephesians 1:17-20

Thanksgiving

All thanks and praise to Jesus, the name above every other name! You came, you died for us, and you are the resurrection! Far above all rule and authority, now and forever. You are the head of your church, and it is perfect leadership. Ephesians 1:21-22

DAY TWENTY-ONE, WISE VIRGINS

Adoration & Worship

Jesus, our betrothed king! You love us, your church and bride. You gave yourself for us that we may be sanctified and be presented without blemish before you. There's going to be a wedding! Ephesians 5:25-27

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Lord, for presuming I am ready. Presumption is as idolatry. I don't want idols, I want oil. 1 Samuel 15:23, Matthew 25:8-10

Petition (asking for personal needs)

Your coming is as sure as the dawn, I'm pressing into to know you, Lord, to fill my lamp with oil. To be part of the bridal company that has extra oil. Hosea 6:3, Matthew 25:1-13

Intercession (praying for others)

In your delay, Lord, strengthen us so we can endure until the end, to see your salvation and testify of the kingdom. That we would discern the times. Matthew 24:14, Matthew 16:3, Matthew 25:5

Thanksgiving

You are coming, we don't know when, but you are coming. While we wait, we devote ourselves to prayer with an alert mind and thankful heart. Matthew 25:10 & 13, Colossians 4:2

WEEK FOUR

The fourth theme of Advent is love. Love is the impetus of the kingdom of heaven. It is the why behind everything—from the trinity to creation, to redemption, and every second of our future. God the Father sending Jesus to us, as one of us, to redeem us, is our first taste of love. But from there, love is transforming us until we love as he does. Can you fathom an eternity of this love?

DAY TWENTY-TWO, EVERLASTING LOVE

Adoration & Worship

Father, you loved us so much that you gave us your only son, that if we believe in him, we will not perish but have eternal life. To be with you forever has always been the point. John 3:16

Repentance & Confession

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Psalm 86:5

Petition (asking for personal needs)

You love me with an everlasting love, and your faithfulness has continued to me. I have places in my life that need to be rebuilt, that need turning. Come again, only you can satisfy. Jeremiah 31:3, 13-14

Intercession (praying for others)

I stand in the gap today for my brothers and sisters in Christ, that they may remember we are more than conquerors through every tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword! Nothing can separate us from your love, Jesus. You came, died, and rose again, and now you are sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. What a love! Romans 8:31-37

Thanksgiving

We enter your presence with thanksgiving, and we draw closer with praise! Thank you, Jesus, we bless your name! You are good, and your love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

DAY TWENTY-THREE, LOVING GOD

Adoration & Worship

God, you are love! We love because you first loved us. 1 John 4:8, 19

Repentance & Confession

Forgive me, Jesus, my first love. I don't want lukewarm love. I want to match your love for me—strong as death, a most vehement flame, unquenchable. Revelation 2:4, 3:16, Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I want to love you, Lord, with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength. That is the greatest commandment. Continue teaching me about love. And let this love overflow to others, to people who surround me. Mark 12:30-31

Intercession (praying for others)

Strengthen our inner beings, Lord, with the power of your Spirit, so that you may dwell in us. Strengthen our faith! Ground us and root us in your love, so we can understand how high, how wide, how deep your love is. We want to know you and be filled with your fullness. Ephesians 3:14-19

Thanksgiving

Thank you, God, we are being perfected in your love, until every fear is cast out. We don't have to be noisy clatter. Rather, we get to be demonstrations of your kindness, joy, and endurance. 1 John 4:18, 1 Corinthians 13

DAY TWENTY-FOUR, WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Adoration & Worship

Your name, Jesus, is called Wonderful Counselor. In you are the depths of riches and wisdom and the knowledge of God. For from you are all things. Isaiah 9:6, Romans 11:33

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I do not want to be like a mule, curbed and bridled. I want to keep my eyes on you. That's where your counsel is. That's how you instruct and teach me the way I should go. Psalm 32:8-9

Petition (asking for personal needs)

The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord, and the knowledge of you, Holy one, is insight. I want to be your friend. I want to learn from you, Jesus. Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 25:14, Matthew 11:29

Intercession (praying for others)

For your church, Lord, that we would see our need for wisdom in this day and hour, and ask you for it. You give generously without reproach. Give us faith, too, so we are not unstable and tossed by the wind, but remain steadfast in you and your ways. James 1:5-8

Thanksgiving

To you, the only wise God! You strengthen us through your son, the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now revealed, so we can be obedient in faith. Be glory forevermore through Jesus! Romans 16:25-27

DAY TWENTY-FIVE, EMMANUEL

Adoration & Worship

Your name is Emmanuel. By definition, Jesus, you are with us. It's who you are.

Matthew 1:23

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I hold fast to this confession because you are my great high priest, Jesus, the Son of God. Tempted in every way, able to sympathize with me in every respect, but with you remained without sin. So I run to you, and draw near to the throne of grace with confidence and receive your mercy in my time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16

Petition (asking for personal needs)

You are powerfully at work in me, Jesus, and it is the hope of glory. I long to be fully developed and mature at your coming. Help me, Spirit, be a good steward of what has been so graciously given to me in Jesus. Colossians 1:24-29

Intercession (praying for others)

When the righteous cry for help, you, Lord, hear and deliver us. You are near to the brokenhearted and save the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:17-18

Thanksgiving

You walk with us through waters, and we are not overwhelmed. You walk with us in the fire, and we don't even smell of smoke. We have no reason to fear or be discouraged. You are with us. Isaiah 41:10, Daniel 3:25, Isaiah 43:2

DAY TWENTY-SIX, KING OF GLORY

Adoration & Worship

There is a name written on your robe and on your thigh, King of kings and Lord of lords. You are Faithful and True, the very Word of God. In righteousness you judge and make war. Your eyes are like a flame of fire, your head is crowned with many crowns. Because of the purity of your blood, we follow you, Jesus!. Revelation 19:11-16

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Blessed are the pure in heart because we will see you. That's what I want. No idols, no falsehood, no soiled hands. The sum of my life is to ascend your holy hill, to seek your face. Psalm 24:3-6, Matthew 5:8

Petition (asking for personal needs)

I lift my head, the gate of my heart, and cry, come in, King of glory. Come in. With all your strength and might, and heavenly hosts, come in! Psalm 24:7-10

Intercession (praying for others)

We love your appearing, Jesus! We are fighting the good fight, we are finishing the race, we are keeping the faith. Any crowns we may receive, we will throw them at your feet, King Jesus. 2 Timothy 4:8

Thanksgiving

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God — you're the one we are waiting for! Be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17