

DailyLife

Advent Prayer Guide
Week 4
December 21-25

Day 1

Reading

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

From Luke 2

Reflection

The Angel said, "Don't be afraid, I bring good news, It applies to everyone. The Savior is born today in Bethlehem. Go find him, he's in a manger."

What does this mean to you today? Right now? In your normal, everyday life this has to matter. How does it matter? We must find a way to live, where this the best news matters.

† Pause & Reflect

Preparation

Of the glorious majesty of your honor, Of your wondrous works, I will meditate.

From Psalm 145

The Song of the Angel's

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men In whom he is well pleased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks,
O Lord, For they have heard the words of your mouth.
Yes, they shall sing of the ways of Lord;
For great is the glory of Lord.
For though the Lord is high,
He looks up on the lowly.
From Psalm 138

Response

This news is good.
This is the Gospel:
Unto us, Jesus, Messiah, Emmanuel has been born.
We join with the angels,
We make their song ours,
To you God, we sing:
Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

† Pause & Reflect

Closing

Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul,
And with all your mind,
And with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.
The second is like this,

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.
From Mark 12

Amen,
Yes,
Come Lord Jesus.
From Revelation 22

Let the word of Christ,
The Word made flesh,
Emmanuel,
Dwell in us and around us,
Richly.
From Colossians 3

Day 2

Reading

Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.

For he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has put down princes from their thrones.

And has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things.

He has sent the rich away empty.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,

that he might remember mercy,

As he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and his offspring forever.”

From Luke 1

Reflection

Let us magnify you,

Become greater in our lives,

And in the lives around us.

† Pause & Reflect

The Song of the Angel's

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

Let the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
Let the Lord rejoice in his works.

From Psalm 104

Response

Let us magnify you,
Become greater in our lives,
And in the lives around us.
You are great,
Greater than we can say, or know.

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

† Pause & Reflect

Closing

My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.
He who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.

From Luke 2

Amen,
Yes,
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From Revelation 22

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The Word made flesh,
Emmanuel,
Dwell in us,
And around us,
Richly.
From Colossians 3

Day 3

Reading

When I call, answer me
O God of my righteousness;
When I was in distress,
You made space for me;
To have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
O sons of men, how long shall my glory be shame
How long will you love vanity
And seek after falsehood?

Selah

But know
The Lord has set apart the godly for himself.
The Lord will hear when I call to him. Be agitated, and not sin
Speak in your heart,
On your bed and be still.

Selah

Sacrifice sacrifices that are right.
And put your trust in the Lord.
There are many saying who will show us good
Lift up on us the light of your face,
O Lord You have put joy in my heart,
More than when they overflow with grain and wine
In peace, made whole,
I will lay down and sleep,
For you Lord, for you alone
Make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4

The Song of the Angel's

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

Lift up on us the light of your face,
O Lord You have put joy in my heart,
In peace, made whole,
I will lay down and sleep,
For you Lord, for you alone
Make me dwell in safety.

From Psalm 4

Response

Show your glory to our hearts.
Reveal your presence in our struggle.
Be made great in our in lives.

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

† Pause & Reflect

Closing

Great and marvelous are your works,
Lord God, the Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways,
King of the nations.

Who wouldn't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name?
For you only are holy.

For all the nations will come and worship before you.
For your righteous acts have been revealed.

From Revelation 15

Amen,

Yes,

Come Lord Jesus.

From Revelation 22

Let the word of Christ,

The Word made flesh,

Emmanuel,

Dwell in us,

And around us,

Richly.

From Colossians 3

Day 4 - Christmas Eve

Reading

Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God. This celestial Word remained ever present with the Creator; His speech shaped the entire cosmos. Immersed in the practice of creating, all things that exist were birthed in Him. His breath filled all things with a living, breathing light — A light that thrives in the depths of darkness, blazes through murky bottoms. It cannot and will not be quenched.

From John 1 - The Voice Bible

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. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

From Galatians 4

The Song of the Angel's

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

I will exalt you, my God, O King;
I will bless your name forevermore.
Every day I will bless you
I will praise your name forevermore.
Great is the Lord, greatly to be praised;
His greatness is unsearchable.

From Psalm 145

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

Closing

The Lord is my shepherd:

I shall lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and loving kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the Lord's house forever.

From Psalm 23

Amen,

Yes,

Come Lord Jesus.

From Revelation 22

Let the word of Christ,

The Word made flesh,

Emmanuel,

Dwell in us,

And around us,

Richly.

From Colossians 3

Day 5 - Christmas Day

Reading

The people who had been living in darkness have seen a great light. The light of life has shined on those who dwelt in the shadowy darkness of death. And You, God, will make it happen. You bolstered the nation, making it great again. You have saturated it with joy. Everyone in it is full of delight in Your presence, like the joy they experience at the harvest, like the thrill of dividing up the spoils of war. For as You did back in the day when Midian oppressed us, You will shatter the yoke that burdens them, You will lift the load that weighs them down, You will break the rod of their oppressor. It's true. All the fabric of war will go up in flames: the troops' heavy boots that stamped us down and their blood-soaked garb. Will all be burned beyond recognition or use. There will be a new time, a fresh start. Hope of all hopes, dream of our dreams, a child is born, sweet-breathed; a son is given to us: a living gift. And even now, with tiny features and dewy hair, He is great. The power of leadership, and the weight of authority, will rest on His shoulders. His name? His name we'll know in many ways— He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Dear Father everlasting, ever-present never-failing, Master of Wholeness, Prince of Peace. His leadership will bring such prosperity as you've never seen before— sustainable peace for all time. This child: God's promise to David— a throne forever, among us, to restore sound leadership that cannot be perverted or shaken. He will ensure justice without fail and absolute equity. Always. The intense passion of the Eternal, Commander of heavenly armies, will carry this to completion

From Isaiah 9 - The Voice Bible

† Pause & Reflect

Preparation

Teach us to know you,
Show us how you are:
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Dear Father everlasting,
Ever-present never-failing,
Master of Wholeness,
Prince of Peace.

The Song of the Angel's

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

Worthy is the Lamb that has been slain
to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom,
and might and honor, and glory, and blessing.

From Revelation 5

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.
Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men
In whom he is well pleased.

† Pause & Reflect

Closing

Father in heaven,
May your name be kept holy.
Let your Kingdom come.

Let your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.
Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
From Matthew 6

Amen,
Yes,
Come Lord Jesus.
From Revelation 22

Let the word of Christ,
The Word made flesh,
Emmanuel,
Dwell in us,
And around us,
Richly. *From Colossians 3*

Merry Christmas

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