

ADVENT

**Waiting for Jesus
in a rushed World**



First Sunday of Advent

I pray: Lord, you have blessed me with this Advent time and given me the opportunity to make straight the paths in my life that need some weeding, tending and straightening. I ask for this help in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Am I on a clear path to God? What distractions have kept me from thinking about God during my day? What do I think and do that is opposite to God's way?

Come, Lord Jesus, come! I am clearing a path for you in my home and in my life. Amen.



Second Sunday of Advent

I pray: O God, your heavenly messengers are angels from above who announce your will to people here on earth. Lord, use me this Advent to announce to everyone I meet that you are coming with true peace. **Amen.**

Can you think of a time in your life when someone was an 'angel' to you? Angels often do their work in secret, being used by God to do good things on earth.

Lord, I long to be your messenger to spread the news of peace and goodwill. Give me opportunities this Advent, in small and secret ways, to make this world a more kind and loving place. I ask this, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Third Sunday of Advent

I pray: Lord, you have taught me that 'yes' is greater than 'no', that goodness is greater than sin and that love conquers even death. Help me to spread Advent joy to all those who I meet throughout each day. Amen.

How do I spread the good news of God's love throughout my day? Resolve to be a messenger of love and joy for the rest of Advent by sharing a smile, a kind word, or other good deeds to others.

Lord, my Christmas is not made of things I buy for others, It is made of the way I love. Help me to love you and others better. Expand my heart with love and joy. **Amen.**



Fourth Sunday of Advent

I pray: Lord I realise that I am changing. As I draw near to celebrate your birth at Christmas, keep me close to you and allow your peace to wash over me.

How has God changed me this Advent? Am I more careful with my words and my actions? Have I brought joy into others lives?

Lord, I thank you for my precious life. This Advent you have stirred up change in me through your word and by my living out that word in my daily life. Come Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

The Angel said to the shepherds,

"Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger"

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those he favours!"



Luke 2:10-14