DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS December 1-6, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Genesis 8:1-19 https://tinyurl.com/bdhmnpk7

PONDER: "God remembered Noah," and "God spoke to Noah." In between these two statements we read that God sent a wind, the waters decreased, and Noah figured out that the earth was dry. I find it interesting we don't know Noah's thoughts about God during the days he tested the water level with a raven, then a dove, and finally his own eyes. Was he frustrated, angry, hopeful, ready to be out of the ark? Did he praise God when the earth was finally dry? When we test the waters, we can be assured that God will deliver us – if we remain faithful.

PRAYER: God of abundant blessings, that You for safe harbor when the storms of life subside. May I continue to be fruitful and faithful. Amen.

ACTION: What storm are you facing today? Take courage and go into the day surrounded by God's saving grace.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 (by Ashlée Vitz)

2 Peter 1:12–21 https://tinyurl.com/w9zs3apz

PONDER: Peter insists on reminding people of what they already know, because memory guards against drifting. He says prophetic Scripture is "a lamp shining in a dark place" until the light of day dawns, showing us how to live now in hope. The word "until" reminds us waiting isn't an absence of light — it's trusting the lamp until the full day comes. In Advent we walk between shadows and sunrise, sustained by the promise of God's Word.

PRAYER: God of light, help me carry your Word as a lamp in dark times, and trust its guidance when I can't see dawn yet. Amen.

ACTION: Write down a "lamp verse" you'll carry this week; place it where you'll see it each morning.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Matthew 24:23-35 https://tinyurl.com/yeyuvzsf

PONDER: When we abide in Christ, we will know deception. Evils that call us away from faithful living are all around us. Flashes of God's Truth are all around us as well. We have to be vigilant. When Christ comes to your door – welcome him in. He guards, guides, protects and saves. He does not hide himself from the faithful.

PRAYER: Holy Christ Jesus, Your life-giving words are fresh on my heart. Welcome! Walk with me into this new day. Amen.

ACTION: Be vigilant when something doesn't feel right today. Invite Christ into the situation and listen to his voice.

Thursday, December 4, 2025 (by Ashlée Vitz)

2 Peter 3:11–18 https://tinyurl.com/58hdvdrp

PONDER: Peter asks: if the world is passing away, how shall we live? His answer is strong: with holiness and godliness, looking for and hastening "the coming day of God." Growth in faith now matters because we are called to be found spotless, at peace, and blameless. Advent invites us into that holiness under construction, shaped by grace. As

we grow, we must also beware being led astray by error—hold fast to what you have been taught.

PRAYER: Jesus, shape my holiness by your Spirit and root me firmly in your truth. May I grow toward what is blameless in your sight. Amen.

ACTION: Identify one belief or practice you've drifted from. Reaffirm it—study, confess, or re-commit to it today.

Friday, December 5, 2025 (by Ashlée Vitz)

Jude 1–16 https://tinyurl.com/4k8zxbbn

PONDER: Jude issues a fierce warning against false teachers—those who creep in unnoticed, twisting grace into license. He contrasts them with the faithful, urging us to build ourselves up in the "most holy faith." Grace, in Jude's vision, includes contest—struggle to hold fast what is true and loving. Advent urges us to watch and contend, not with bitterness, but with resolute humility and hope.

PRAYER: God of truth, protect me from deceptive voices and lead me deeper into your holiness without harshness. Amen.

ACTION: If a teaching or habit is misleading or permissive, confront it: research, correct gently, or let go of it.

Saturday, December 6, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

John 1:19-28 https://tinyurl.com/5n8x88te

PONDER: "Who are you?" In the midst of questioning, John the Baptist shared the words of the prophet Isaiah: "I am a voice crying out in the wilderness, make the Lord's path straight." God empowers each of us for the work we are to do, whether that's announcing the coming of the Christ or sharing our own stories of how God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are working in our lives.

PRAYER: God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, speak your message hope through me today and every day. Amen.

ACTION: Share a personal story of faith with someone today.