

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

December 22-27, 2025

Monday, December 22, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Luke 1:46-55 <https://tinyurl.com/57afb7ua>

PONDER: Mary's words resonate through the ages as Christmas week begins. "With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior." Her words of praise in these verses also yield a promise: God will pull down the powerful and lift up the lowly, and servants will receive God's mercy. In the coming days, celebrate all that God is in the person of Mary, whose faith was steadfast in rejoicing.

PRAYER: Holy God of promise, thank You for Mary's witness. Amen.

ACTION: Offer words of praise and promise to anyone who waits on you today – a cashier, a waitress, a family member.

Tuesday, December 23, 2025 (by Ashlee Vitz)

Galatians 3:15-22 <https://tinyurl.com/y2tc3yzh>

PONDER: Paul reminds us that God's promise came long before the law. Rules may help guide behavior, but promises sustain relationship. Advent shows that God's "yes" is older and stronger than our "should." The law exposes need; grace supplies life. Christ is the fulfillment of every covenant God ever made—a living "yes" to humanity. Even when we stumble, the promise remains unbroken because it rests on God, not us.

PRAYER: Faithful God, thank you that your word of promise stands when mine falters. Help me rest in your unchanging "yes." Amen.

ACTION: Say "yes" to one simple nudge toward kindness or reconciliation today—even if it feels small or inconvenient.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 (by Marilyn Culler)

Luke 2:1-20 <https://tinyurl.com/2jxhx2vn>

PONDER: Joseph, Mary, a baby, angels, God, shepherds, a heavenly host – this cast of characters changed the world in one night. With that one night, our lives were changed also. God came to earth in his son Jesus, an offering so holy we still today don't understand the whole mystery. Immerse yourself in the story on this night, glorifying God for the gift of peace offered through Christ Jesus.

PRAYER: Holy God, I glorify You on this holy night for the Presence of Jesus in my life. May my praise resound throughout the heavens. Amen.

ACTION: Imagine yourself as Mary. What are you treasuring and pondering in your heart on this holy night?

Thursday, December 25, 2025 (by Ashlee Vitz)

1 John 4:7-16 <https://tinyurl.com/y5bvf5kr>

PONDER: "God is love." John doesn't describe God as *loving* but as *love itself*. This is the miracle of Christmas: Love put on flesh. Whoever abides in love abides in God. On this day of celebration, we remember that love is not sentiment—it is incarnation. To receive Christ is to let divine love animate every word and gesture. The world doesn't need louder religion; it needs living love.

PRAYER: Incarnate Love, dwell in me as you dwelt among us. Make my heart your Bethlehem. Amen.

ACTION: Let at least one person *feel* loved today through you—a call, a visit, or a simple act of care.

Friday, December 26, 2025 (by Ashlee Vitz)

Acts 6:1–7 <https://tinyurl.com/38uy3dn6>

PONDER: The church's first conflict was not about theology but about distribution—widows were being overlooked. The apostles didn't ignore the problem; they restructured ministry to meet it. When Spirit and service meet, the gospel multiplies. Advent's light continues through such practical compassion. Faithfulness sometimes looks like logistics: fair tables, full plates, and shared responsibility. God blesses ministries that feed both body and soul.

PRAYER: Spirit of wisdom, teach me that serving others is sacred work. Let justice at the table be part of my worship. Amen.

ACTION: Support a food pantry, meal train, or local charity this week—give time, money, or encouragement.

Saturday, December 27, 2025 (by Lisa Trigg)

Acts 4:1–27 <https://tinyurl.com/mvbmh7nu>

PONDER: Many Jews longed for a political messiah to save them from Roman rule. They failed to recognize the Messiah who suffered instead. The world offers many opinions and philosophies, but as Christians we look to Jesus to reconcile people to God through his death and resurrection. Those who offer kindness, compassion and help others through difficult times reflect the love of Jesus for the world. I wonder, why wouldn't people see such goodness as the sign of the Messiah? Do you ever look for Jesus in the actions of other people?

PRAYER: Dear God, help me reflect your love for others by molding me into a Christlike servant for you. Amen.

ACTION: Offer kind words and thanks to those who do tasks you would not do yourself.