

# 2025 ADVENT CALENDAR



## WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is a sacred season of expectation, hope, and preparation. The word “Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” For centuries, believers have set aside the weeks leading up to Christmas to focus their hearts on the coming of Christ.

Advent points us in **two directions at once**

- We look **back** with gratitude to Jesus’ first coming in Bethlehem.
- We look **forward** with anticipation to His promised return as King.

It is a season where we slow down and remember that God stepped into our world, took on flesh, and brought salvation near. Advent stirs our hearts with the truth that the same Jesus who came as a humble child is coming again in power and glory.

## WHY DO WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THIS SEASON?

### 1. **To Recenter Our Lives on Christ**

The world rushes, distracts, and pulls our attention in a thousand directions. Advent helps us intentionally turn our hearts toward Jesus. We prepare because we want our worship to rise above the noise of the season.

### 2. **To Stir Fresh Hope**

Advent reminds us that no matter what darkness surrounds us, God’s light is breaking through. The same God who fulfilled every promise in Christ’s first coming will fulfill every promise concerning His return.

### 3. **Because Preparation Is Biblical**

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. Advent is our season to do the same: examining our hearts, seeking renewal, and letting the Holy Spirit realign us with God’s purposes.

### 4. **To Train Our Families in the Ways of the Lord**

Advent gives households a rhythm of prayer, Scripture, and worship. It helps children, youth, and adults alike see Christmas not only as a holiday but as a holy proclamation that *Jesus has come and will come again*.

### 5. **To Keep the Wonder Alive**

Pausing to remember the miracle of Christ’s birth keeps our faith vibrant. It reminds us that God moves in unexpected places, through unlikely people, and in miraculous ways.

## THE HEART OF ADVENT

At its core, Advent is about saying, “Lord, we are making room for You again.” It is a season where we open our hearts wide and welcome His presence, His voice, and His transforming work.

We prepare because **He is worthy.**  
We prepare because **He is coming.**  
We prepare because **our lives belong to Him**

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**Take time each day to pause, breathe, and turn your heart toward Jesus. Use these Advent devotionals as a simple way for your household to slow down together, read Scripture, pray, and refocus on the One we are celebrating.** As we journey through this season, let every moment of reflection draw us closer to Christ and deepen our wonder at His coming. – **Pastor Vini & Nimesh**

## DECEMBER 7 — HOPE HAS A NAME

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:2

**Devotional:**

Before Jesus came the world had shadows but no Savior. Hope was a rumor. But when Jesus arrived Heaven erupted into earth’s darkness like a sunrise that could never be stopped. Jesus does not bring hope, *He is* hope. When His presence fills a home despair loses its voice.

**Family Activity:**

Turn off the lights. Light one candle. Speak one thing you are hopeful for this season.

**Prayer focus:** Jesus fill our home with Your light. Declare with confidence in God that: **Hope lives here because Jesus lives here!**

## DECEMBER 8 — THE PROMISE KEEPER

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 1:20

**Devotional:**

God keeps His promises even when time stretches long. Every prophecy about Jesus was fulfilled down to the smallest detail. If He kept His promise then, He will keep His promises now.

**Family Activity:**

Each person shares one promise from Scripture they want to believe for.

**Prayer focus:** Lord strengthen our faith in Your promises. Declare with confidence in God that: **Every promise God made, He will perform.**

## DECEMBER 9 — PREPARE HIM ROOM

**Scripture:** Luke 3:4

**Devotional:**

John the Baptist cleared the path for Jesus. Today we clear the path in our hearts. Remove distraction. Remove hurry. Remove anything that keeps Jesus at the edge instead of at the center.

**Family Activity:** Everyone writes down one distraction to give up for the day.

**Prayer Focus:** Make room in our hearts and habits for You. Declare as a family: **Jesus has first place in this house.**

## DECEMBER 10 — GOD WITH US

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:23

**Devotional:**

God didn't send a messenger. He came Himself. And He didn't come for perfect people. He stepped right into our humanity to lift us into His divinity. Emmanuel means you are never abandoned.

**Family Activity:**

Share a moment this year when you felt God's presence.

**Prayer Focus:** Thank You Jesus for being near. Declare: **God is with us, for us, and moving through us.**

## DECEMBER 11 — THE JOY OF HIS COMING

**Scripture:** Luke 2:10

**Devotional:**

Joy is the announcement of Jesus. Joy breaks heaviness. Joy restores strength. The angels did not whisper joy! They shouted it. Today choose joy as your weapon.

**Family Activity:**

Each person says one thing that brings them joy in Jesus.

**Prayer Focus:** Fill our home with Your joy. Declare in the Lord: **We walk in joy that the world cannot take away.**

## DECEMBER 12 — A SAVIOR FOR ALL PEOPLE

**Scripture:** Luke 2:11

**Devotional:**

Jesus is not a Savior for the few. He is the Savior for all nations, all ages, all stories. He came for shepherds and kings, children and elders, broken and whole.

**Family Activity:**

Pray for someone you want to encounter Jesus this season.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord reveal Yourself to those who need You. Declare: **Jesus saves. Jesus heals. Jesus restores.**

## DECEMBER 13 — PEACE ON EARTH

**Scripture:** John 14:27

**Devotional:**

Peace isn't the absence of conflict but the presence of Christ. Jesus gives peace stronger than anxiety and louder than fear. His peace reigns where He is welcomed.

**Family Activity:**

Take one deep breath together and invite Jesus to calm every worry.

**Prayer Focus:** Jesus speak peace over our minds and home. Declare as a family: **The peace of Christ guards our hearts.**

## DECEMBER 14 — THE KING WHO SERVES

**Scripture:** Mark 10:45

**Devotional:**

The King of glory came as a servant. The One who deserved to be waited on washed feet instead. His humility is our model. His service is our calling.

**Family Activity:**

Do one act of kindness for someone in your home today.

**Prayer focus:** Make us servants like You. Come in unity and declare: **We lead by serving. We love by giving.**

## DECEMBER 15 — LIGHT IN THE DARK

**Scripture:** John 8:12

**Devotional:**

Darkness cannot overwhelm the light. When Jesus shines the enemy loses territory. Let His light expose lies, guide decisions and strengthen faith.

**Family Activity:**

Light a candle again and say, "Jesus is our light."

**Prayer focus:** Shine in every corner of our home. Declare as a family: **Darkness has no place here.**

## DECEMBER 16 — WORSHIP LIKE THE WISE MEN

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:11

**Devotional:**

The wise men traveled far and gave extravagantly because they understood who Jesus was. Worship isn't a song — it's a sacrifice.

**Family Activity:**

Each person names one gift they want to offer Jesus: time, kindness, obedience, worship.

**Prayer Focus:**

Receive our worship today. Declare: **We bring our best to our King.**

## DECEMBER 17 — A HEART THAT LISTENS

**Scripture:** Luke 10:39

**Devotional:**

Mary sat at His feet. She chose presence over pressure. Advent is a season to slow down long enough to hear His whisper.

**Family Activity:**

Set a timer for one minute. Sit quietly and listen for God's voice.

**Prayer Focus:** Speak Lord. We are listening. Declare: **We choose Your voice over the noise.**

## DECEMBER 18 — THE GOOD NEWS IS FOR YOU

**Scripture:** Luke 2:17

**Devotional:**

The shepherds didn't stay silent. They shared what they saw. Advent reminds us that the gospel is too good to keep to ourselves.

**Family Activity:**

Each person thinks of someone they can encourage or invite to church.

**Prayer Focus:** Give us boldness to share Your love. **We are carriers of the Good News.**

## DECEMBER 19 — GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

**Scripture:** John 3:16

**Devotional:**

Love gives. God didn't love us with words but with sacrifice. Advent pushes us to love in practical ways that reflect Christ.

**Family Activity:**

Choose one act of love to do for someone outside your home today.

**Prayer Focus:** Let Your love overflow through us. **We love because He first loved us.**

## DECEMBER 20 — THE KINGDOM IS NEAR

**Scripture:** Mark 1:15

**Devotional:**

Jesus came proclaiming a kingdom that heals, restores and transforms. His kingdom isn't far away, it is here.

**Family Activity:**

Pray together for healing, strength, or breakthrough in your home.

**Prayer Focus:** Let Your kingdom come in us and through us. **Jesus rules here.**

## DECEMBER 21 — BECAUSE HE CAME, WE GO

**Scripture:** John 20:21

**Devotional:**

Advent reminds us Jesus was sent. Now we are sent too. Sent to love. Sent to shine. Sent to carry hope.

**Family Activity:**

Do something that blesses your neighbor: a note, a prayer, a small gift.

**Prayer**

## **DECEMBER 22 — THE GIFT NO ONE CAN MATCH**

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:15

**Devotional:**

Jesus is God's greatest gift. Every blessing flows from Him. Every joy is rooted in Him. Every miracle points back to Him.

**Family Activity:** Go around and say one thing you love most about Jesus.

**Prayer Focus:** Thank You Lord for the greatest gift: Jesus. **Jesus is everything we need.**

## **DECEMBER 23 — THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER**

**Scripture:** Galatians 4:4

**Devotional:**

At the perfect time Christ was born. God is never late. His timing is always exact even when life feels slow.

**Family Activity:**

Share one area where you are waiting on God — and speak hope over it.

**Prayer Focus:** Help us trust Your timing. **God's timing is perfect in our lives.**

## **DECEMBER 24 — CHRIST IS HERE**

**Scripture:** Luke 2:14

**Devotional:**

This night Heaven touched Earth. The King arrived. Salvation woke up the world. Today celebrate with awe because the God who came still comes.

**Family Activity**

Pray together, thanking Jesus for coming and for saving you.

**Prayer Focus:** Christ our King, You are worthy of all honor and praise. **Jesus has come. Jesus is here. Jesus is Lord.**

**Join us for our Christmas Eve Service on**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**