

Advent Preparations - 24 Readings, Prayers & Activities

Day 1 - Hope

Reflect: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

Pray: Lord Jesus, shine Your light into my heart this Advent.

Do: Send a hopeful message or text to someone who may need encouragement

Day 2 - Comfort

Reflect: "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

Pray: Father, help me to bring comfort to someone today.

Do: Write a handwritten card and post it to a friend, neighbour, or relative.

Day 3 - Preparation

Reflect: "Prepare the way for the Lord." Isaiah 40:3

Pray: Lord, prepare my heart for Your coming.

Do: Offer to help someone with an errand, school run, or small task.

Day 4 - Presence

Reflect: "They will call him Immanuel, meaning 'God with us.'" Matthew 1:23

Pray: Jesus, thank You for being near.

Do: Spend a few minutes in silence, imagining Jesus sitting beside you.

Day 5 - Gratitude

Reflect: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." —Psalm 136:1

Pray: Thank You, Lord, for Your goodness to me.

Do: Write down 5 things you're thankful for.

Day 6 - Peace

Reflect: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given." —Isaiah 9:6

Pray: Prince of Peace, fill my community with peace.

Do: Donate food to the Food Bank.

Day 7 - Trust

Reflect: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." —Proverbs 3:5

Pray: Help me trust You with today

Do: Do one small act of kindness secretly.

Day 8 - Shepherd

Reflect: "The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing." —Psalm 23:1

Pray: Good Shepherd, guide my steps and lead me to someone in need

Do: Take a walk around your neighbourhood and pray for your community and neighbours.

Day 9 - Peacemakers

Reflect: "Blessed are the peacemakers." —Matthew 5:9

Pray: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Do: Reach out to someone you've lost contact with or had tension with.

Day 10 - Joy

Reflect: "Rejoice in the Lord always." Philippians 4:4

Pray: Give me joy today, Lord.

Do: Share a word of encouragement with someone, or compliment at least three people today.

Day 11- Love

Reflect: "We love because He first loved us." —1 John 4:19

Pray: Teach me to love as You love me.

Do: Donate a toy, book, or gift for a Christmas charity or family in need.

Day 12 - God with us

Reflect: "The Word became flesh and lived among us." —John 1:14

Pray: Jesus, help me to bring Your presence to others.

Do: Listen to someone who needs to talk — without rushing.

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Day 13 - Seek God

Reflect: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." —Jeremiah 29:13

Pray Lord, help me seek You wholeheartedly

Do: Spend 5 minutes in quiet reflection or journaling.

Day 14 - Faithfulness

Reflect: "Great is Your faithfulness." —Lamentations 3:23

Pray: Thank You for being faithful every day.

Do: Activity: Write a thank-you note to someone who has blessed you.

Day 15 - Be Still

Reflect: "Be still, and know that I am God." —Psalm 46:10

Pray: Calm my heart, Lord and help me to hear You.

Do: Have a tech-free 10 minutes of stillness with God.

Day 16 - God's Love

Reflect: "For God so loved the world..." John 3:16

Pray: Help me grasp the depth of Your love.

Do: Tell someone who needs to hear it that God loves them or pray for them.

Day 17 - Strength

Reflect: "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

Pray: Strengthen me with Your joy, Lord.

Do: Do something for someone without being asked.

Day 18 - Good News

Reflect: "I bring you good news of great joy." Luke 2:10

Pray: Lord, fill my heart with Your good news.

Do: Share a Bible verse or encouraging message with someone who might need lifting up.

Day 19 - Walk in Love

Reflect: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us." Ephesians 5:2

Pray: Teach me to love others as You love me.

Do: Donate an item to someone in need or give to a charity you care about — even a small amount.

Day 20 - God's Peace

Reflect: "My peace I give you." John 14:27

Pray: Jesus, let Your peace settle in my soul.

Do: Light a candle and pray for peace in the world.

Day 21 - The Lord Is Near

Reflect: "The Lord is near to all who call on Him." Psalm 145:18

Pray: Be near me today, Lord.

Do: Visit or call someone who might feel lonely or isolated.

Day 22 - Joyful Expectation

Reflect: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess." Hebrews 10:23

Pray: Strengthen my hope as Christmas nears.

Do: Do one thing that brings you closer to Christ—read, pray, worship.

Day 23 - Worship

Reflect: "Come, let us worship and bow down." Psalm 95:6

Pray: I worship You, Jesus, King of Kings.

Do: Play a worship song and sing along and if you're feeling bold why not invite someone to one of our Christmas services?

Day 24 - Christ Is Born

Reflect: "Today a Saviour has been born to you." Luke 2:11

Pray: Jesus, thank You for coming to save us.

Do: Read Luke 2:8–20 and celebrate the gift of Jesus.