

Scripture Readings for Advent

Advent day 1

Psalm 62:5-6

My soul, wait thou only
upon God; for my
expectation is from Him.
He only is my rock and my
salvation: He is my
defense; I shall not be
moved. (KJV)

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in
perfect peace, whose mind
is stayed on thee: because
he trusteth in thee. (KJV)

Isaiah 40:31

Yet those who wait for the
Lord
will gain new strength;
They will mount up with
wings like eagles,
They will run and not get
tired,
They will walk and not
become weary. (NASB)

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the
confession of our hope
without wavering, for He
who promised is faithful...

Advent day 2

Isaiah 11:1-2

Then a shoot will spring
from the stem of Jesse,
And a branch from his
roots will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will
rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and

understanding,

The spirit of counsel and
strength,
The spirit of knowledge
and the fear of the Lord.
(NASB)

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are
coming," declares the
LORD,
"When I will raise up for
David a righteous Branch;
And He will reign as king
and act wisely
And do justice and
righteousness in the land.
"In His days Judah will be
saved,
And Israel will dwell
securely;
And this is His name by
which He will be called,
"The LORD our
righteousness."

Advent day 3

Isaiah 42:1, 5-6

Behold, My Servant, whom I
uphold
My chosen one in whom My soul
delights.
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the
nations.
Thus says God the LORD,
Who created the heavens and
stretched them out,
Who spread out the earth and its
offspring,
Who gives breath to the people on
it
And spirit to those who walk in it,
"I am the LORD, I have called You

in righteousness,
I will also hold You by the hand
and watch over You,
And I will appoint You as a
covenant to the people,
As a light to the nations. (NASB)

Isaiah 60:1-3,19-22

"Arise, shine; for your light has
come,
And the glory of the LORD has
risen upon you.
"For behold, darkness will cover
the earth
And deep darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will rise upon you
And His glory will appear upon
you.
"Nations will come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of
your rising.
"No longer will you have the sun
for light by day,
Nor for brightness will the moon
give you light;
But you will have the LORD for an
everlasting light,
And your God for your glory.
"Your sun will no longer set,
Nor will your moon wane;
For you will have the LORD for an
everlasting light,
And the days of your mourning
will be over.
"Then all your people will be
righteous;
They will possess the land
forever,
The branch of My planting,
The work of My hands,
That I may be glorified.
"The smallest one will become a
clan,
And the least one a mighty nation.
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its
time."

Advent Day 4

Daniel 9:24-27

"Seventy weeks have been
decreed for your people
and your holy city, to finish
the transgression, to make
and end of sin, to make
atonement for iniquity, to

bring in everlasting
righteousness, to seal up
vision and prophecy and to
anoint the most holy place.
"So you are to know and
discern that from the
issuing of a decree to
restore and rebuild
Jerusalem until Messiah
the Prince there will be
seven weeks and sixty-two
weeks; it will be rebuilt
again, with plaza and moat,
even in times of distress.
"Then after the sixty-two
weeks the Messiah will be
cut off and have nothing
(KJV says "but not for
himself"), and the people
of the prince who is to
come will destroy the city
and the sanctuary. And it's
end will come with a flood;
even to the end there will
be war; desolations are
determined.
"And he will make a firm
covenant with many for
one week, but in the
middle of the week he will
put a stop to sacrifice and
grain offering; and on the
wing of abominations will
come one who makes
desolate, even until a
complete destruction, one
that is decreed, is poured
out on the one who makes
desolate."

Advent day 5

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of
the time came, God sent
forth His Son, born of a

woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (NASB)

Ephesians 1:9-12

And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. (NIV)

Advent day 6

Numbers 24:17, 19

I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion... (KJV)

Revelation 22:16

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. (NASB)

2 Peter 1:19

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (NIV)

Advent day 7

Malachi 3:1

"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

Luke 1:67-79

...Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us--

to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy
covenant,
the oath he swore to our
father Abraham:
to rescue us from the hand of
our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him
without fear
in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
And you, my child, will be
called a prophet of the Most
High;
for you will go on before the
Lord to prepare the way for
him,
to give his people the
knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of
their sins,
because of the tender mercy
of our God,
by which the rising sun will
come to us from heaven
to shine on those living in
darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path
of peace. (NIV)

Advent day 8

Micah 5:2-5

"But as for you, Bethlehem
Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the
clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth
for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from
long ago,
From the days of eternity."
Therefore He will give
them up until the time
When she who is in labor
has borne a child.
Then the remainder of His
brethren

Will return to the sons of
Israel.
And He will arise and
shepherd His flock
In the strength of the
LORD,
In the majesty of the name
of the LORD His God.
And they will remain,
Because at that time He
will be great
To the ends of the earth.
This One will be our peace.
(NASB)

Advent day 9

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been
completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the
LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice of one calling:
"In the desert prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the
wilderness
a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised
up,
every mountain and hill made
low;
the rough ground shall
become level,
the rugged places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD will
be revealed,
and all mankind together will
see it.
For the mouth of the LORD
has spoken."
You who bring good tidings to
Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good tidings to
Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
See, the Sovereign LORD
comes with power,
and his arm rules for him.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense
accompanies him.
He tends his flock like a
shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his
arms
and carries them close to his
heart;
he gently leads those that
have young. (NIV)

Advent day 10

Luke 1:11-25

Then an angel of the Lord
appeared to him, standing at
the right side of the altar of
incense. When Zechariah saw
him, he was startled and was
gripped with fear. But the angel
said to him: "Do not be afraid,
Zechariah; your prayer has been
heard. Your wife Elizabeth will
bear you a son, and you are to
give him the name John. He will
be a joy and delight to you, and
many will rejoice because of his
birth, for he will be great in the
sight of the Lord. He is never to
take wine or other fermented
drink, and he will be filled with
the Holy Spirit even from birth.
Many of the people of Israel will
he bring back to the Lord their
God. And he will go on before
the Lord, in the spirit and power
of Elijah, to turn the hearts of
the fathers to their children and
the disobedient to the wisdom
of the righteous--to make ready
a people prepared for the Lord."
Zechariah asked the angel,
"How can I be sure of this? I am

an old man and my wife is well
along in years."
The angel answered, "I am
Gabriel. I stand in the presence
of God, and I have been sent to
speak to you and to tell you this
good news. And now you will be
silent and not able to speak
until the day this happens,
because you did not believe my
words, which will come true at
their proper time."
Meanwhile, the people were
waiting for Zechariah and
wondering why he stayed so
long in the temple. When he
came out, he could not speak to
them. They realized he had seen
a vision in the temple, for he
kept making signs to them but
remained unable to speak.
When his time of service was
completed, he returned home.
After this his wife Elizabeth
became pregnant and for five
months remained in seclusion.
"The Lord has done this for me,"
she said. "In these days he has
shown his favor and taken away
my disgrace among the people."
(NIV)

Advent day 11

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, God sent
the angel Gabriel to Nazareth,
a town in Galilee, to a virgin
pledged to be married to a
man named Joseph, a
descendant of David. The
virgin's name was Mary. The
angel went to her and said,
"Greetings, you who are
highly favored! The Lord is
with you."
Mary was greatly troubled at
his words and wondered what
kind of greeting this might be.
But the angel said to her, "Do
not be afraid, Mary, you have
found favor with God. You will
be with child and give birth to

a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. (NIV)

Advent day 12

John 1:1-9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his

name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

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Advent: Christmas Day!

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Advent: Christmas

Eve

Read the story of Jesus'
birth:

Luke 1-38

and

Luke 2:1-20