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# DECEMBER 1

Let yourself fall open to Advent, to anticipation, to the belief that what is empty will be filled, what is broken will be repaired, and what is lost can always be found, no matter how many times it's been lost.

- *Shauna Niequist*



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 2

The birth of the child into the darkness of the world made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it.

- Frederick Buechner



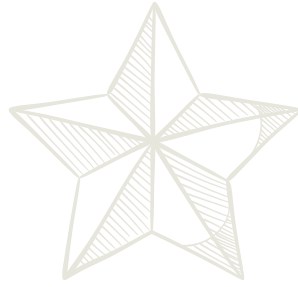
MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 3

It is good to remind ourselves that the will of God comes from the heart of God and that we need not be afraid.

- Warren Wiersbe



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

# LUKE 1:26-33

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WHERE IS GOD URGING YOU, LIKE MARY, TO NOT BE AFRAID?

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# DECEMBER 4

Mary, grasped and seized by the Spirit, speaks of God's coming into the world, of the advent of Jesus Christ. For she knows better than anyone what it means to wait for Christ.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 5

Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

- Eugene Peterson



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 6

The same everlasting Father who cares for you  
today will take care of you tomorrow,  
and every day.

- Francis de Sales



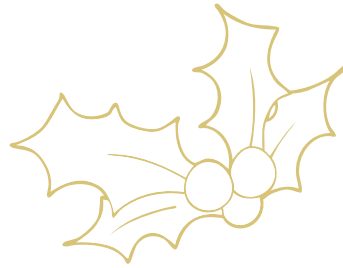
MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 7

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

- Mother Theresa



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 8

God still looks for Josephs today. Men and women who believe that God is not through with this world. Common people who serve an uncommon God.

- Max Lucado



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# DECEMBER 9



That is the wonder of all wonders, that God loves the lowly... God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as his instruments and performs his wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; he loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 10

When we have been brought very low and helped, sorely wounded and healed, cast down and raised again, have given up all hope--and been suddenly snatched from danger, and placed in safety; and when these things have been repeated to us and in us a thousand times over, we begin to learn to trust simply to the word and power of God, beyond and against appearances.

- John Newton

**MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:**



# LUKE 1:68-71

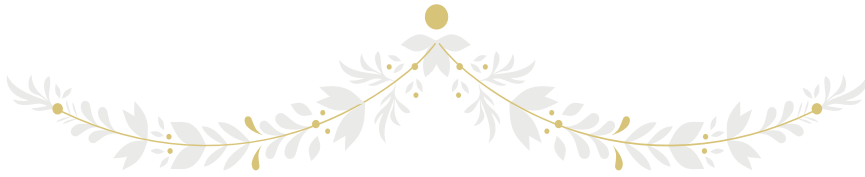
WHERE ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR GOD TO  
RESCUE YOU?



# DECEMBER 11

What God ever became so tender we could touch  
Him? So fragile we could break Him? So  
vulnerable that His bare, beating heart could be  
hurt? Only the One who loves you to death.

- Ann Voskamp



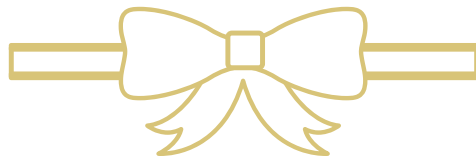
MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 12

I am more sinful and flawed than I ever  
dared believe, more loved and welcomed  
than I ever dared hope.

- Elyse Fitzpatrick



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 13

I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world.

- Norman Vincent Peale



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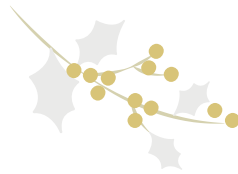
# LUKE 2:8-12

ASK GOD TO FILL  
YOU WITH HIS JOY  
AS HE DID FOR THE  
SHEPHERDS.

# DECEMBER 14

The God of your mountain is also the God of your valley. He's not scared of messy situations or messy people. He's not intimidated by the situations beyond your control. Wherever you find yourself today, lift your eyes to the hills – your help comes from the LORD.

– Steven Furtick



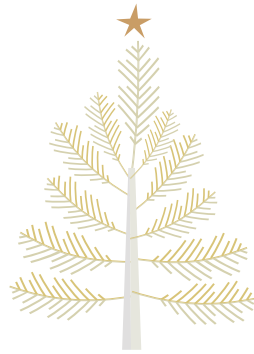
MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 15

Just as your body needs sleep, your soul needs time to rest in God. To learn more about Him. To talk to Him. To worship and praise Him.

- Craig Groeschel



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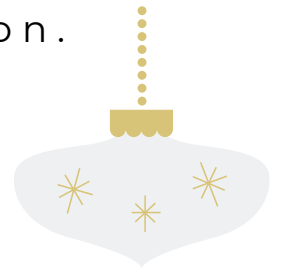




# DECEMBER 16

The best we can hope for in this life is a  
knothole peek at the shining realities ahead.  
Yet a glimpse is enough. It's enough to convince  
our hearts that whatever sufferings and sorrows  
currently assail us aren't worthy of comparison  
to that which waits over the horizon.

- Joni Eareckson Tada



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 17

Look for Christ and you will find Him. And with Him, everything else.

– C. S. Lewis



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# DECEMBER 18

O God and Father, I repent of my sinful preoccupation with visible things. The world has been too much with me. Thou hast been here and I knew it not. I have been blind to Thy presence. Open my eyes that I may behold Thee in and around me. For Christ's sake, Amen.

- A. W. Tozer

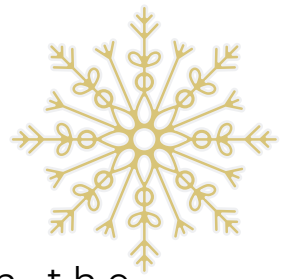


MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 19



Don't miracles manifest themselves in the darkest shadows? When it seems light will never find its way through a storm of agonies, there appears a golden ray like dawn across the otherwise hopelessly bleak landscape. Jesus came to earth so we can sing and laugh, no matter what storm we're up against.

- Mary Chapien

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

LUKE 2:25 - 26

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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR GOD TO DO IN YOUR LIFE THIS ADVENT?

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# DECEMBER 20

The beautiful thing about this adventure called  
faith is that we can count on Him to  
never lead us astray.

- Charles Swindoll



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:







# DECEMBER 21

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future  
to a known God.

- Corrie ten Boom



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:





# DECEMBER 22

The God who created, names and numbers the stars in the heavens also numbers the hairs of my head. He pays attention to very big things and to very small ones. What matters to me matters to Him, and that changes my life.

- Elisabeth Elliot



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 23

This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count.

- Beth Moore



MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



# DECEMBER 24

The miracle of Christmas is not on 34th Street; it's in Bethlehem. Through Jesus God offers you forgiveness for your past, peace of mind in the present, and a solid future in eternity.

- Rick Warren



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# DECEMBER 25

Who among us will celebrate Christmas right?

Those who finally lay down all their power, honor and prestige, all their vanity, pride and self-will at the manger, those who stand by the lowly and let God alone be exalted, those who see in the child in the manger the glory of God precisely in this lowliness.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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