

# LIVING GOD'S WORD



SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION  
FOR EACH DAY OF ADVENT

# INTRODUCTION



Advent is a penitential season, which is something we might tend to forget. However, unlike the season of Lent, Advent is more like an invitation to do a thorough housecleaning before an important guest arrives—someone we are really excited to see and spend time with. Our spiritual preparation over the next four weeks should focus on this housecleaning: What attitudes are in the way of my

getting closer to Christ? What thoughts or actions do I need to give up? What things have I been putting off that I need to put into practice to improve my relationship with Jesus?

The readings for Advent (which we will consider every day of the season on the pages to follow) focus heavily on themes of joyful expectation and patient waiting. In the first part of the season, we look forward to the return of the Lord. In the latter part of the season, we wait quietly for the revelation of the Incarnation, the Word Made Flesh dwelling among us. But for so many of us, this is not at all a time of quiet waiting; it is a season of rushing around, hectic chaos and running errand after errand. Do yourself the favor of allowing yourself at least a little bit of time each day of the season to focus on the Lord.

With this booklet, rooted in Scripture, you'll be able to catch your breath. You'll be prompted to respond to the Word by writing to yourself. Journaling can be especially powerful and revealing. You'll be asked to reflect, to tell yourself on each page how you are feeling, how you are cleaning house. In fact, if you need additional space to journal on any given day, there are a few extra journaling pages in the back for that purpose.

This spiritual journal is an invitation for you to spend some time away from all the noise, to sit quietly and wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord.

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December 4

WEDNESDAY, FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

**On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples...  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the LORD has  
spoken.**

*Isaiah 25:7-8*

*Live God's Word*

The Lord has shown great mercy to his people; he has destroyed death. How does this make me feel? Do I trust that the Lord can wipe away the tears of my struggles? Have I availed myself of his mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation? If not, what has kept me from doing so?

Isaiah 25:6-10 • Psalm 23:1-6 • Matthew 15:29-37









Allow yourself to be transformed this Advent as you are encouraged to not only read God's Word, but to live it. *Living God's Word*, a unique and powerful Advent resource, will guide you through the Church's Advent readings and prompt you to write out your impressions for each day of the season. Journaling can be especially powerful and revealing.

As you reflect on the Word of God, insightful prompts, based on the readings of the day, will guide you ever closer to welcoming Jesus with your whole heart at Christmastime. Get your pen or pencil ready and begin creating a keepsake for yourself, a keepsake that is based on the timeless readings of the Bible.



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