

MOVING TOWARD THE MANGER

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.

JOHN 3:16



ADVENT WEEK ONE: GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Melody.....St. Crispin LM

P As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, we approach his manger bed with awe and wonder. We light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we rejoice in the precious gift of God's only Son.

(One candle is lit.)

God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

P When Jesus was born, "he came to his own, and his own people did not receive him." We often reject God's Word and will in our lives.

C **Heavenly Father, we turn from you to follow our own sinful desires. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.**

- P** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
- C** **That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**
- P** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
- C** **But in order that the world might be saved through him.**
- P** In this is love, not that we have loved God
- C** **But that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**
- P** If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we pray that your love will shine out of our lives each day.**

Glory to God, the Father, Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

**Daily Bible Readings for the
 First Week of Advent**

Sunday.....	John 3:14-17
Monday	Romans 12:9-18
Tuesday.....	1 Corinthians 13:1-7
Wednesday.....	1 John 4:7-12
Thursday	1 John 4:19-21
Friday.....	Micah 6:6-8
Saturday	Romans 3:21-26