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# HEARTS UPLIFTED

Daily Prayers for Advent

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LET THE  
HEARTS OF  
THOSE WHO  
SEEK THE LORD  
rejoice!

PSALM 105:3



## INTRODUCTION

As we head into a season preparing for Christ's coming to us at Christmas, on the day he returns, and through his Word and blessings of grace, the prayers in this booklet help us focus on the gift of the Christ Child and lift up our hearts to the Lord. See you at the manger!

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY *of* ADVENT

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

PSALM 25:1

**L**ord, this season of preparation, we hear the call, “Lift up your hearts.” And we wholeheartedly respond, “We lift them up to the Lord.” We join with your people throughout the world giving thanks to you, O Lord our God, for it is right to give you thanks and praise. Prepare our grateful hearts to receive and respond, pray and praise as we journey to our Savior’s manger and beyond. We follow your lead attentively with our hearts uplifted thankfully. Amen.

MONDAY

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*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.*

GALATIANS 4:4-5

Creator of heaven and earth, in the beginning, you created light and darkness, day and night. There was evening, there was morning, the first day. What perfect planning for your creation. Yet, how often you must hear, “That’s not enough time.” Our days, as well as our minds, are filled with busyness. As we begin this Advent journey, give us wisdom in prioritizing time for prayer and praise, your Word and ways. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus, whom you sent into the world at just the right time. Amen.

TUESDAY

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*For nothing will be impossible with God.*

LUKE 1:37

Lord God, grant us faith to believe the truth the angel told Mary, “For nothing is impossible with God.” Mary trusted those words. She trusted you immediately. We give you thanks for her faith, humility and willingness to gladly surrender to your will as she responded, “I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your Word” (Luke 1:38). Grant us that faithful mindset and willing heart. What a glorious way to live, knowing and believing nothing will be impossible with God. Amen.

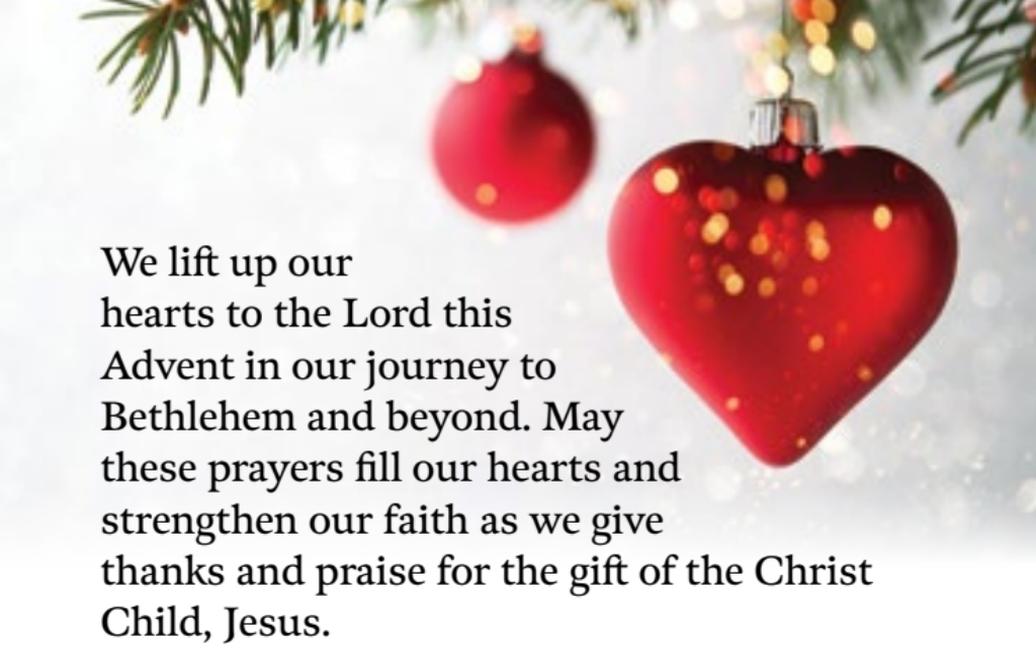
WEDNESDAY

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*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."*

LUKE 1:46-47

**H**oly Spirit, inspire us with words of praise like those that filled Mary's heart and life. Our lives join in union with hers in proclaiming, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." You have done great and mighty things for us. Holy is your name. Your grace and mercy cover our lives, filling us with thanksgiving. May our praise of your name be in our hearts and on our lips throughout all our days. Amen.



We lift up our hearts to the Lord this Advent in our journey to Bethlehem and beyond. May these prayers fill our hearts and strengthen our faith as we give thanks and praise for the gift of the Christ Child, Jesus.

Weekly themes guide us through the season:

WITH HEARTS UPLIFTED THANKFULLY

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WITH HEARTS UPLIFTED PEACEFULLY

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WITH HEARTS UPLIFTED JOYFULLY

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WITH HEARTS UPLIFTED LOVINGLY

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