

Advent Calendar Of Scripture Readings For 2002

This advent calendar was compiled by Fr Dominic Borg, OCD.

Dec 1 WATCH (Psalm 80)

Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time. Look for him each day.

Dec 2 TRUST (Matthew 8.5-11)

Jesus praised faith wherever He found it. May our trust in God grow throughout this Advent.

Dec 3 REVEALED TO CHILDREN (Luke 10.21-24)

Faith is a gift, not a personal achievement. Thank God for this gift today.

Dec 4 WITH US (Psalm 24)

God is with us, even in the worst of times. May God's presence always be vibrant in our lives.

Dec 5 SOLID ROCK (Matthew 7.24-27)

When we put the words of Jesus into practice, our lives become more stable -- even in storms.

Dec 6 CONFIDENCE (Psalm 27)

As we reaffirm our trust in God each day of our lives, it will grow in us and fear will diminish.

Dec 7 MAKING OUR WAY (Isaiah 30.19-21)

If we truly want to follow the Lord, God will show us the right path. Keep looking!

Dec 8 NO DELAY (2 Peter 3.8-10)

God is the master of time, so sometimes we must wait. Let us patiently trust in God's timetable.

Dec 9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Genesis 3.9-15)

God longs to forgive our sins. Let us acknowledge them and ask forgiveness.

Dec 10 GOD IS LOVE (Isaiah 40:1-11)

We have been created out of God's great love. By this same love, we have been saved.

Dec 11 FIND REST (Matthew 11.28-30)

Jesus offers us genuine rest and meaningful activity. Give him whatever burdens you carry today.

Dec 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Psalm 145)

Our hearts can become dry as deserts. God brings us hope and refreshment.

Dec 13 A CHOICE (Psalm 1)

God respects our freedom, so we always have a choice. Choose the Lord and find happiness.

Dec 14 PROPHETS TODAY (Matthew 17.10-13)

Like Elijah and John the Baptist, we are called to be witnesses to God in the world.

Dec 15 REJOICE (1 Thess 5.16-24)

Joy is born of the firm conviction that the Lord will never abandon us. God's love is everlasting.

Dec 16 GOD'S WAY (Psalm 25.4-9)

We all need to learn the ways of God. Reading and studying the Bible are excellent ways to learn.

Dec 17 PEACE (Psalm 72)

True peace with justice is a gift of God. Let us pray that all people open their hearts to receive it.

Dec 18 COURAGE (Matthew 1.18-24)

Joseph could have taken the easy way out, but God gave him the strength to trust in the future.

Dec 19 HOPE FOR THE WEARY (Luke 1.5-25)

Even when we have a hard time believing, God is with us, offering us faith.

Dec 20 SIGNS (Isaiah 7.10-14)

God knows we need a 'sign' now and then to believe. All our blessings are signs of God's love.

Dec 21 GENEROSITY (Luke 1:39-45)

Mary went to help her kinswoman Elizabeth. Trusting in God, Mary was a willing servant.

Dec 22 IN THE SHADOWS (Luke 1.26-38)

Mary did not understand God's grace, but she received it with courage.

Dec 23 AWESOME (Malachi 3.1-4)

God's power and might are beyond anything we can imagine. Give praise to the Holy One today.

Dec 24 A LONG HISTORY (Psalm 89.2-5)

Let us give thanks for God's love and fidelity through many generations.

Dec 25 A LIGHT IN DARKNESS (John 1.1-5)

Jesus is the Light of the World. Nothing can overcome His love for us. Alleluia!

A Prayer For Lighting Advent Candles

Hope is the flower that blooms from the ground of faith. And so, with joy, we keep the tradition of ages past as we encircle our Advent wreath with love and prayerful expectation. In the darkness we light a flame of hope. May it dance not only upon our Advent wreath but within each of our hearts as well. May this Advent season bring us a new birth of hope in the ancient promises of God. Amen
