



# To Light Their Way:

## Finding Simple Wonder & Joy in Advent.



Weekly Prayers, Psalms & Prompts



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*To Light Their Way: A Collection of Prayers & Liturgies for Parents.*



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## WEEK ONE

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 28To Light  
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## PRAYER

## PSALM

O come, Emmanuel.  
We enter this time of Advent  
With holy anticipation.  
We enter this sacred season  
With bated breath.

O come, Emmanuel.  
We're prone to get tangled  
In sparkling lights and glittering tinsel,  
Lost in to-do lists,  
Swallowed in the seas  
Of ribbons and restless hearts and  
weary souls.

O come, Emmanuel.  
Ignite in us the awe of a child,  
Looking into a manger scene  
As we wait on the promise  
Of the coming infant King  
In a humble stable.

Amen.

## INHALE:

God is our refuge  
and strength,

## EXHALE:

An ever-present help  
in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

## PROMPT

Advent is a season of anticipation.  
*Anticipate means to look forward to something.*

How are you looking forward to *feeling* this Advent season as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus? How could you help a friend, family, or neighbor feel that way, too?

## PRACTICE

Listen to or sing  
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
together.

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## WEEK TWO

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## PRAYER

O Lord, guard us against  
Our possessions possessing us.  
Our world whispers  
That we should buy more,  
That Christmas memories will only be  
as good  
As the gifts under the tree.  
But we know there's a more beautiful way,  
Where we give what we can  
Out of our hearts,  
Needing nothing in return  
And finding great hope in You.

Help us honor the love  
You have whispered in our hearts  
By raising our children to work  
For peace on earth.  
In every tradition and celebration,  
May we remember who You are.  
Give us imagination to see You  
In those that many choose to turn away  
from.  
For in the turning toward,  
We welcome You, O Lord.

*Amen.*

## PSALM

## INHALE:

We will tell the next  
generation

## EXHALE:

The praiseworthy  
deeds of the Lord.

Psalm 78:3-7

## PROMPT

Why do we give presents to each other on Christmas? How can we be generous with our words and how we treat each other? Can you remember a time when you felt God's generosity?

## PRACTICE

Have a meal together with a  
candle on the table & collect  
items for a local food pantry.

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SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 12

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## PRAYER

## PSALM

If we have abundance,  
Let it be an abundance of peace.  
If we have wealth,  
Let it be the wealth of memories  
together.

If we must consume,  
Let us consume Your Word.  
If we must invest,  
Let it be in the poor.  
If we have more than we need,  
Let us give more freely.

When we look to our children, remind us  
That You are the giver of good gifts  
And You are a compassionate God  
Who never stops seeking us, pursuing us,  
And welcoming us home,  
Even when we have fallen short.

Help us live with hands open  
So that we may receive Your abundant life.  
Help us raise children to walk paths  
Of generosity rooted in Your great love.

*Amen*

**INHALE:**

I will boast

**EXHALE:**

Only in the Lord.

Psalm 34:2

## PROMPT

When we see commercials or ads for holiday sales, what do they tell us? Why do you think that is? How does this match up with advent and the birth of Jesus?

## PRACTICE

Read Luke 1:46–55 aloud together.  
What sticks out to you?

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SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 19

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## PRAYER

O God, creator of time  
And keeper of seasons,  
No gods were formed before You,  
Nor will there be any after You.  
You hold it all,  
And in You alone all things are made.

As we look at the year behind us,  
Give us space to process the paths that  
got us here  
So that we may have vision for what lies  
ahead.

We ask for hearts to remember  
The celebrations and sorrows  
Of our family's passing year.

Help us reflect on the good  
Shared between us,  
Of the tiny moments  
Sparkling with joy,  
Of the celebrations  
Twinkling with hope.  
May these joys  
Energize us as we look to the New Year.

*Amen.*

## PSALM

**INHALE:**

May we be glad,

**EXHALE:**

And rejoice before God

Psalm 68:3

## PROMPT

Where did you see God in times of  
celebration this past year?

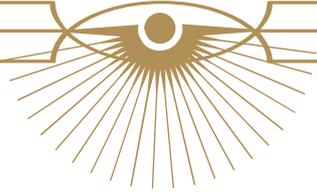
Where did you see God in times of  
sorrow this past year?

Why does the birth of Jesus give us hope  
in both good times and sad times, too?

## PRACTICE

Make a Top Ten list  
of the most important things  
that happened in 2021.

EXCERPT FROM "A PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR" FROM *TO LIGHT THEIR WAY* BY KAYLA CRAIG



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Hi, dear heart,

I pray that this simple resource was a guide, pointing you to the glittering hope in Christ alone. These are just snippets of more comprehensive prayers in *To Light Their Way*. May you be filled with the comforting love of God as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

On page 180 of the collection, you'll find "A Prayer for Christmas Morning." Let's celebrate! The book includes more than 100 prayers that I hope speak to your family's hearts throughout the new year, too.

May we continue to love God and love our neighbor,  
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