



preparing the WAY

advent calendar 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Read and reflect on LUKE 21:25-36	2 Make a HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CARD for SOMEONE ALONE this Christmas	3 INVITE someone to attend the CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE with you	4 Enjoy a red & green day. WEAR RED & GREEN , or eat a RED & GREEN MEAL!	5 Our FUTURE HOPE is in CHRIST . REFLECT ON and SHARE your HOPES for the NEW YEAR	6 Celebrate St. Nicholas day! Give a SMALL GIFT or ACT OF SERVICE to SOMEONE IN SECRET!	7 Pray the YOUTH OF IMMERSE ARKANSAS feel the HOPE OF JESUS this Christmas
8 Read and reflect on LUKE 3:1-6	9 Pray for PEACE IN HAITI and our sister church there, ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE	10 Practice peace. SIT QUIETLY with the LORD and DELIGHT IN HIS PRESENCE	11 REFLECT ON or DISCUSS the significance of your CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS or DECORATIONS	12 Spread PEACE . FORGIVE YOURSELF or SOMEONE ELSE QUICKLY for an offense today	13 LEARN how to say MERRY CHRISTMAS in ANOTHER LANGUAGE . PRAY for the people of that nation	14 MAKE AND DECORATE Christmas cookies for CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
15 Read and reflect on LUKE 3:7-20	16 Sing for joy! Listen to your FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS and REJOICE IN THE LORD	17 INVITE someone to watch your FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE with you	18 VOLUNTEER AND/OR PRAY for CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION tonight!	19 go outside after nightfall and LOOK AT THE STARS —the same stars the SHEPHERDS SAW the night JESUS WAS BORN	20 BUY OR MAKE extra of a FAVORITE CHRISTMAS TREAT to share with someone	21 Drive around and LOOK AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS . PRAY for the home with your FAVORITE DECORATIONS
22 Read and reflect on LUKE 1:39-56	23 Where did you notice GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU this year? SHARE YOUR ANSWER with someone	24 Join us at the 3, 5, AND 10 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE candlelight service!	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Read and reflect on LUKE 2:1-20 by the treelight			

We have designed a calendar with 24 days leading up to Christmas. Each day describes an "Advent practice" that cultivates holy expectation in our hearts, in our families and in our neighborhoods. They are directed either upward (abiding in Christ), inward (life together) or outward (life on mission). Some practices involve more planning than others, but all the practices are simple and personal.

These practices are not just 24 "things to do" to check off our list, but ways of opening our heart for the Spirit's work. God is already at work among us, so in these practices we are learning to notice and receive Emmanuel.