

AdventWord—Week Three

December 19th - December 24th



This booklet, along with previous weeks are also available as a pdf on the website.

The additional prayers are not included in this booklet once more, please use them from the 1st weeks booklet if you wish to continue to do so.

This weeks booklet is slightly different from previous weeks. Instead of a thought an activity and the occasional extra, you have the word, the verse and then a quote that also uses the word. As you go about your day, keep a look out of things that remind you of the word, verse or quote.

As we near Christmas may you this week find daily reminders that Emmanuel, God is with us.

Monday 19th December - SIGN

Today's word comes from Isaiah 7:14

'Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.'

Quote from Ambrose of Milan

The angel revealed the message to the Virgin Mary, giving her a sign to win her trust. The angel told her of the motherhood of an old and barren woman to show that God is able to do all that he wills. When she hears this Mary sets out for the hill country. She does not disbelieve God's word: she feels no uncertainty over the message or doubt about the sign. She goes eager in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy.

Tuesday 20th December - HEAR

Today's word comes from Isaiah 7:13

'Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?'

Quote from The Proslogion of Anselm of Canterbury

When will you look upon us and hear us? When will you enlighten our eyes and show us your face?

Wednesday 14th December - OBEDIENCE

Today's word comes from Romans 1:5
'through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name.'

Quote from John Henry Newman

Every act of obedience is an approach, an approach to him who is not far off; though he seems so, but close behind this visible screen of things which hides him from us. He is behind this material framework; earth and sky are but a veil going between him and us; the day will come when he will rend that veil, and show himself to us.

Thursday 15th December - CHOOSE

Today's word comes from Isaiah 7:15
'He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.'

Quote Modern Man in Search of a Soul by Carl Gustav Jung

To accept ourselves in all our wretchedness is the hardest of tasks, and one which it is almost impossible to fulfil. The very thought can make us livid with fear. We therefore do not hesitate, but light-heartedly choose the complicated course of remaining in ignorance about ourselves while busying ourselves with other people and their troubles and sins.

Friday 16th December - RESTORE

Today's word comes from Psalm 80:19

'Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.'

Quote Instructions of Columbanus

True love is shown not merely 'in word, but in deed and in truth', so we must turn back our image undefiled and holy to our God; in the words of Scripture: 'Be holy, for I am holy.' We must restore God's image with love; in John's words: 'God is love.' We must restore it with loyalty and truth, for God is loyal and truthful.

Saturday 17th December - BIRTH

Today's word comes from Matthew 1:18

'Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.'

Quote Ephrem of Syria

Who, being a mortal, can tell about the Reviver of all,
Who left the height of his majesty and came down to smallness?
You, who magnify all by being born,
magnify my weak mind that I may tell about your birth,
not to investigate your majesty,
but to proclaim your grace.
Blessed is he who is both hidden and revealed in his actions!