

**SMALL GROUP AND SUNDAY SERMON SERIES**



# **ADVENT TO NEW YEAR 2026**



**JOURNEY WITH US THROUGH CHRISTMAS INTO THE NEW YEAR**  
27 November 2025 - 4 January 2026

# Bring in the New Year with Daily Readings



**ADVENT AND  
CHRISTMAS  
UP TO 4 JANUARY  
2026**

Plus, a daily memory  
verse and prayer!

The Daily Readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations of the Revised Common Lectionary. These readings complement the Sunday readings: Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead; Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

## Advent

**Thursday, November 27, 2025:** Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10;

**Memory verse:** “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘let us go to the house of the Lord.’” (Ps. 122:1)

**Prayer:** Dear Lord God, thank you for always availing Yourself to us. You allow us to come with our trials as well as our joys. But today we come with hearts filled with gratitude for an unfailing and abiding love that we know and are confident we will receive from You. Heavenly Father together with You it is our desire to seek the good of Your Church and the spread of Your Kingdom. As we prepare for the coming season of Advent, realign our longings to anticipate the return of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who will one day establish His eternal reign of justice and righteousness. **Amen**

**Friday, November 28, 2025:** Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7;

**Memory verse:** “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Heb. 11:6)

**Prayer:** Lord God our Father in heaven, we acknowledge that You are the one true, sovereign God, our Creator, and our sustainer. We pray for a fresh infilling of Your Holy Spirit, that our belief in Your existence would not be merely an intellectual assent, but a deep conviction that transforms our lives and warms our hearts. Help us to remember, in the midst

of our daily routines and challenges, that we are not speaking words into thin air, but to a God who is present, who hears us, and who is actively working in response to our faith. For a time such as this, we choose to walk by faith, not by sight. When circumstances seem uncertain or difficult, strengthen our hearts and minds to trust in Your promises, even when we cannot see the immediate evidence of Your work. Give us the courage to step into the unknown, knowing that Your ways and timing are perfect, and You are always with us. Dear God thank you for Your daily presence in our lives, that we can be assured Your heart is toward us, and Your eyes watch our coming and going and that You are always ready to hear our prayers. Thank you in anticipation for protection during this season of rushing around. Please keep us close to You in all the days of this season. Thank you for the hope You offer us. **Amen**

**Saturday, November 29, 2025:** Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22;

**Memory verse:** *"But he who stands firm to the end will be saved."* (Matt. 24:13)

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, the festivities of the season are now fast building up to the celebration of Your birth, and we are weary of losing our closeness to You amidst all the noise clamouring for our attention. Please encourage us to stand firm in our love for You and not to be distracted by the things the world has to offer. Lord, we acknowledge that life in this world presents many trials, challenges, and moments when our faith is tested. We confess that our strength often fails us, and we are prone to grow fatigued or lose heart amidst the chaos and uncertainty around us. We pray for the gift of perseverance. Strengthen our resolve, O Lord, that we may stand firm against all adversity, knowing that our trials purify our faith and result in praise and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. Grant us resilience to continue walking in Your light and purpose, even when the path is difficult. **Amen**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14

**Memory verse:** *"Come O house of Jacob let us walk in the light of the Lord."* (Is. 2:5)

**Prayer:** Almighty God, as we begin this new season of Advent and a new liturgical year, we lift up our souls to you in joyful expectation. Your prophet Isaiah envisioned a day when all nations would stream to Your holy mountain, seeking Your instruction and walking in Your paths. Grant us the resolve to run forth to meet Your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming. In a world marked by conflict and division, help us to be instruments of Your peace. Awaken us from our spiritual slumber and dispel the darkness of ignorance and sin within our own hearts and communities. May Your light reflect in our lives, giving us the courage to hope for Your presence, Your peace, and Your promise. Empower us to work toward the realisation of Your kingdom, that all peoples may enjoy Your holy peace and justice. And Father, as another month draws to a close, we thank you for the journey of these past days. We ask for Your divine protection to surround us, guiding us with wisdom and strength to live faithfully in the light of Your love and presence. **Amen**

**Monday, December 01, 2025:** Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-11; Romans 6:1-11

**Memory verse:** *"Our help is in the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth."* (Ps. 124:8)

**Prayer:** Sovereign God, Maker of heaven and earth, as we begin this month of December and light the first candle of Advent, we come before You with hearts full of both anticipation and awe. We acknowledge that we navigate this life with many challenges and potential dangers, but our ultimate help is in Your name. We praise You, O Lord, for Your constant protection and deliverance. When we look back at the moments, we thought we would be overwhelmed by the "raging waters" or "swallowed up alive" by adversity, we can truly say, "If the Lord had not been on our side...". Today, we take confidence and security in the powerful declaration of Psalm 124:8: **"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."** **Amen**

**Tuesday, December 02, 2025:** Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40;

**Memory verse:** *"And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come.'" (Gen. 9:12)*

**Prayer:** Gracious God, the rainbow in the clouds serves as a beautiful and constant reminder that You are a God who keeps His promises. When we see the challenges and storms of life, and the troubles in our world, help us to look up and remember Your mercy and grace, knowing You will never abandon Your creation. We pray for a fresh awareness of Your covenant in our lives. May we, like Noah, walk in obedience and trust in Your steadfast word. Help us to be a people who honour Your covenant, living in a way that reflects Your righteousness and love in the world. O Lord God, our hearts are full of praise and thanks for your promises and blessings. You are the ultimate encourager, always here to listen and answer our cries. Help us through the pains of life and to be an encouragement to those who feel the hurts of the world, just as You encourage us. **Amen**

**Wednesday, December 03, 2025:** Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35;

**Memory verse:** *"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you." (Is. 54:10)*

**Prayer:** Most Caring Lord, we acknowledge that life can bring times of shaking and insecurity, where the very foundations around us seem as though they might crumble and fall. In those moments of uncertainty and fear, we cling to the unchanging nature of Your love and Your covenant of peace. We pray for all those experiencing instability today. For those facing personal challenges that feel like insurmountable mountains, we ask that You remind them and us of Your constant presence and unwavering support. When the world around us shifts, help us to find our anchor in You, the God who keeps faith forever. **Amen**

**Thursday, December 04, 2025:** Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26;

**Memory verse:** *"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." (Acts 1:14)*

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, today, we come before You with the spirit of the early church in mind. We acknowledge our total dependence on You for strength, wisdom, and guidance in our lives and the world around us. Lord, we pray for unity among believers worldwide. We know that it would please You when we are beautifully in harmony of mind, heart, and purpose. We confess our divisions, our differing opinions, and our selfish desires that often hinder our oneness. Help us to lay aside our differences and embrace a spirit of collaboration, working together with one heart and soul for Your glory. May our individual voices blend into a single, powerful anthem of worship and intercession, so that the world may see Your love in us. **Amen**

**Friday, December 05, 2025:** Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25;

**Memory verse:** *"May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor." (Ps. 72:4)*

**Prayer:** Compassionate God, we pray that You raise up and empower leaders, in our communities and across the nations, who embody Your heart for justice. Grant them the wisdom and integrity to defend the cause of the poor and the afflicted, those who have no earthly helper or voice. We ask that You give deliverance to the children of the needy, protecting them from exploitation and ensuring their well-being and provision. We pray especially for the children from our homes who are on school breaks that they will be protected from all evil and temptation. **Amen**

**Saturday, December 06, 2025:** Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28;

**Memory verse:** *"John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, Make straight the way for the Lord.'" (Jn. 1:23)*

**Prayer:** Lord God, we acknowledge that You have called us, like John, to prepare a way for You, not just in our world, but within our own lives. We confess that our paths are often crooked, filled with obstacles of pride, selfishness, and distraction. We pray for a spirit of true repentance and renewal. Help us to be a clear and unwavering "voice" in our generation, directing attention to Jesus and not to ourselves. In the "wilderness" of a busy and often disordered world, grant us the clarity and courage to proclaim Your truth and the urgency of Your coming. **Amen**

## **Sunday, December 07, 2025: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13

**Memory verse:** *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Rom. 15:13)

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, the glorious **God of hope**, we come to You on this Second Sunday of Advent, a season of watchful expectation and preparation for the arrival of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We thank You for the hope You provide, which is a sure and steadfast anchor for our souls in a world of uncertainty. We remember the promises made through Your prophets, that a rod would come forth from the root of Jesse, bringing justice and peace to all the earth. We pray that You, our God, will fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen**

## **Monday, December 08, 2025:** Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12;

**Memory verse:** *"Be exalted in your strength, LORD; we will sing and praise your might."* (Ps. 21:13)

**Prayer:** Omnipotent God, we see Your strength displayed not only in heavenly might but also in Your humble and perfect plan of salvation. We praise You for Your power made manifest in the life of Mary, whom You chose to be the Mother of our Saviour, a model of holiness and perfect relationship with You. As we navigate this week, we ask that You turn the wicked schemes of the enemy against them and grant us victory over the challenges in our lives, just as You granted victory to Your people in ancient times. Protect our families and secure our homes from the attacks of the enemy. **Amen**

## **Tuesday, December 09, 2025:** Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21;

**Memory verse:** *"I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another."* (Rom. 15:14)

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you that through Your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, You have filled us with goodness and knowledge. We pray that this would be evident in our lives today and every day. Help us not to keep this goodness and knowledge to ourselves, but to leverage these gifts for the benefit of those around us, in our families, workplaces, and communities. Open our eyes to see where mutual admonishment and encouragement are needed and grant us the wisdom and love to build one another up in faith. In a world often marked by self-interest, instil in us a spirit of service and humility, following the example of Christ who did not come to please Himself, but rather as servant of all. May we reflect the light of Your Son to those who have never heard or understood the Gospel. Use us as instruments of Your peace and hope, so that our lives bring glory to Your name. **Amen**

## **Wednesday, December 10, 2025:** Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37;

**Memory verse:** *"Fear not, Abraham, I am your shield, your reward shall be very great"* (Gen. 15:1)

**Prayer:** Heavenly God, thank you for the life and witness of Abraham and for the trust he demonstrated when he refused to accept any reward from the wicked king of Sodom, but relied on You to be his Shield and Defender. Thank you that we have nothing to fear in this evil world and that You supply all that we need according to Your riches in glory. What a wonderful promise Lord that those who trust in You will never be disappointed and that the reward You promise to all Your children is over and above all that we could ask or think. May



we live as faithful witnesses to Your goodness and grace and never compromise the gospel of Christ. In Jesus' name, **Amen**

**Thursday, December 11, 2025:** Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10;

**Memory verse:** *"Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separated you and me". (Ruth 1:17)*

**Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for the example of faithful women like Ruth. Her words reflect a heart full of loyalty and love. Her words are the cry for many families, and for many marriages. You have brought families together; may nothing tear them apart. Help families to love each other unconditionally. May the children be secure in the love of fathers and mothers. Teach us to be loyal and faithful in our relationships. Thank you, Lord, for the example of Ruth – a woman of deep faith, loyalty, and courage. Her words inspire us to commit ourselves fully to You and to love others with that same sacrificial heart. Help us to follow where You lead, even when the path is uncertain. Teach us be steadfast in faith, and willing to let go of our comfort to embrace Your calling. **Amen**

**Friday, December 12, 2025:** Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18;

**Memory verse:** *"But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13)*

**Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for Your perfect plan of salvation. Thank You that You have given fallen man so much time to choose to accept Your gift of salvation by faith and to be born again into Your heavenly kingdom. Thank You that the troubles and trials of this present age will one day cease, and that believers have the hope and blessing of ruling and reigning with Christ in His Kingdom. Thank You that in the ages to come, heaven and earth will be free of all the residue of sin and Satan, as You will destroy the old and create new heavens and a new earth. May we play our part in Your eternal plan and purpose and live our lives today in a way that points the world to Christ. In Jesus' name, **Amen**

**Saturday, December 13, 2025:** Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18;

**Memory verse:** *"Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yahweh, his God". (Psalm 146:5)*

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for being our rock and refuge in times of trouble. Thank you for your unfailing love and faithfulness that sustains us every day. We put our trust in You, knowing that You will never leave nor forsake us. I pray that you will continue to guide us and lead us in the paths of righteousness. Help us to always seek your will and to follow your ways. May Your peace and joy fill our hearts and overflow into the lives of those around us. Thank you for Your goodness and mercy that follows us all our days. We praise You and give You glory, now and forevermore, **Amen**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

**Memory verse:** *"The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them" (Matthew 11:5)*

**Prayer:** Lord, today we want to claim the promise that you have given us in Your word. We pray that the blind may receive their sight, that the lame may walk, that the lepers may be cleansed, that the deaf may hear, and that the dead may be raised up. We also pray that the poor may have good news preached to them. We believe that you can do all things, and trust in Your power and Your love. We pray that You would work in our lives and in the lives of those around us, bringing healing, restoration, and hope. In Jesus' name, **Amen**

**Monday, December 15, 2025:** Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16;

**Memory verse:** *"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God" (Psalm 42:1)*

**Prayer:** Lord, we want to thank you for Your faithfulness and steadfast love that never fails. We pray that our souls may find rest in You alone, knowing that You are our rock and our salvation. In the midst of struggles, in moments of darkness and despair help us to cling to Your promises O God and find hope in Your unfailing love. Help us to trust in Your faithfulness, even when circumstances seem bleak. May Your light shine brightly, illuminating the way before us. **Amen**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025:** Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25;

**Memory verse:** *“And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes” (Ezekiel 47:9)*

**Prayer:** Lord God, from your holy temple flows the living water that brings life and healing wherever it goes. I submit my life to you to have this Living water flowing through me to heal the deadness that surrounds me. Let Your grace flow into the dry and weary places of my heart. Cleanse me, refresh me, and make me fruitful in Your service. As the waters from Your temple bring life to all creation, may Your Spirit flow through me, bringing peace, compassion, and hope to everyone I meet. Make me a channel of Your living water – that I may carry Your love to the world that thirsts for You. **Amen**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025:** Psalm 42, Zechariah 8:1-17; Matt 8:14-17, 28-34

**Memory verse:** *“Speak truth to each other and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate this, declares the Lord”. (Zechariah 8:16-17)*

**Prayer:** Almighty God, giver of wisdom and discernment, we pray for those who have been given the responsibility of leadership in our country. Grant them the courage to seek what is right, even when it is difficult, and the humility to listen to the voices of all people, especially those who have been silenced. We pray for integrity and peace to prevail. Help us, as citizens to engage thoughtfully and respectfully in our democratic process, to seek understanding over division, and to work tirelessly for a society where justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. In your name we ask for guidance and strength as we strive to build a more just and equitable nation. You are a great and powerful God. Let your will be done in Jesus' name, **Amen**

**Thursday, December 18, 2025:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Gal. 3:23-29

**Memory verse:** *“Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel” (2 Samuel 7:8)*

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that You are my God and Shepherd, my Provider and my Sanctifier. Thank you that You are the Lord of Hosts who made heaven and earth by the power of Your mighty hand, and that You chose me to be Your child and a member of Christ's mystic Body. Thank You for the lessons we learn through the life and times of David whom You chose to be Israel's greatest king and the under-shepherd of Your people. Thank you that you can use anyone whose heart is right before you. Cleanse my heart and use me in the furtherance of Your kingdom. Help me to listen to Your voice and obey Your word. This I ask in Jesus' name, **Amen**

**Friday, December 19, 2025:** Psalm 80:1-7; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7

**Memory verse:** *“But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law” (Galatians 4:4)*

**Prayer:** Thank you, Lord, for sending Jesus into the world at the right time. Thank you that Jesus became a man and fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the Law on my behalf so that I might be forgiven of my sins and adopted into Your family, for time and through eternity. I never cease to be amazed at the grace that you have extended to me and to all who have been redeemed by faith. It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to

believe, that God's own Son should come from heavenly glory and die to save a sinner like me. **Amen**

**Saturday, December 20, 2025:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36;

**Memory verse:** *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3:14)*

**Prayer:** Heavenly God, thank you that Jesus is my substitute for sin, that He was lifted up on the Cross for my sake and took the punishment that I deserve. I pray that I may lift up the wonderful name of Jesus to all with whom I come in contact, so that they may hear the good news of the glorious gospel of grace and look to Him for salvation and life. In Jesus' name I pray, **Amen**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

**Memory verse:** *"Restore us, O God, make your face shine on us, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:3)*

**Prayer:** Dear God, please turn us again towards you. Let your face shine upon us and save us from our sins and troubles. We need your guidance and love to lead us on the right path. Help us to always seek your presence and follow your will. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved. I pray for all who need a restoration to you, to intimacy with you, to peace from you, to joy in you that supersedes circumstances. **Amen**

**Monday, December 22, 2025:** Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Rev. 22:6-7, 18-20;

**Memory verse:** *"He has performed mighty deeds with his arm, he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts." (Luke 1:51)*

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, I claim the promise that you have shown strength with your arm and have scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. I pray that you would continue to show your strength in my life and in the lives of those around me. Help us to humble ourselves before you and to trust in your power and might. May we never become proud or arrogant but always seek to honour and glorify you. Thank you for your faithfulness and for the promises that you have given us. In Jesus' name, **Amen**

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025:** Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14;

**Memory verse:** *"Understand, then that those who have faith are children of Abraham". (Galatians 3: 7)*

**Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for adopting me into your family, for embracing me with your love and grace. I am eternally grateful for the assurance of salvation that faith in Christ provides. Now I know that there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for we are all one in Christ. Thank you for the gift of Your word, which guides and comforts us. Thank you for the gift of faith, which connects us to you in a profound way. May I live out this unity in my relationships, treating all people with love, respect and dignity. Clothe me daily with the character of Christ, that I may reflect your love, compassion, and righteousness to others. Help me to see others as you see them, as beloved creations, without distinction or prejudice. **Amen**

# Christmas

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – CHRISTMAS EVE**

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)



**Memory verse:** “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” (Isaiah 9:2)

**Prayer:** Gracious God, on this holy night we stand in awe of your light breaking into our darkness. As the shepherds heard the song of angels, may our hearts also awaken to the good news of great joy. Calm our restless spirits, quiet our worries and prepare room in us for Christ to be born anew. Let your peace cradle us, your hope steady us, and your love surround us like Bethlehem’s gentle night. Lord Jesus, Light of the world, shine into every corner of our homes and our hearts. **Amen.**

## Thursday, December 25, 2025 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12), John 1:1-14

**Memory verse:** “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14)

**Prayer:** O God of glory and gladness, today heaven kisses earth and hope becomes flesh. We thank you for the awe of the Incarnation ... that you stepped into our world, our humanity, our story. Fill our hearts with wonder at your humility and your love. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, birth in us a renewed tenderness, a softened spirit, and a generous heart. May your joy break through every heaviness we carry, and may your light guide us into the year ahead. In the name of Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Amen.**

**Friday, December 26, 2025:** Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8;

**Memory verse:** “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (Acts 7:59)

**Prayer:** God of courage and compassion, today we remember Stephen - a witness of love in the face of violence. Teach us the courage to live truthfully, the grace to forgive boldly, and the strength to endure trials with dignity. When the world is harsh, soften our hearts. When fear rises, anchor us in your peace. May we shine with the same radiant faith that lit Stephen’s face, trusting that no suffering is wasted in your hands. Hold us close today, O Lord. **Amen.**

**Saturday, December 27, 2025:** Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12;

**Memory verse:** “Whoever has the Son has life.” (1 John 5:12)

**Prayer:** Wisdom of God, speak into our hearts today. Clear the noise that distracts us and open our ears to your gentle voice. Remind us that true life, abundant life, meaningful life is found only in your Son. As creation sings your praise, may our souls also rise in thanksgiving. Guide our thoughts, purify our desires, and draw us deeper into your truth. Make us lovers of wisdom and seekers of Christ. **Amen**

## Sunday, December 28, 2025: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23

**Memory verse:** “In all their distress, He too was distressed.” (Isaiah 63:9)

**Prayer:** God of compassion, you draw near to us in our troubles and carry us through the wilderness of life. Today we remember the holy family who fled danger and lived in uncertainty. For all who walk through fear or sorrow, be a refuge. For all who are carrying heavy loads, be strength. For all seeking direction, be light. Help us to trust that you are with us in every valley and every journey. Hold our tears, lift our spirits, and surround us with your tender mercy. **Amen.**

**Monday, December 29, 2025:** Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44;

**Memory verse:** “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace.” (Luke 19:42)

**Prayer:** God of all comfort, we bring before you every grieving heart, every wounded place in our spirit, every longing for peace. Wipe our tears and steady us with your love. Teach us to recognize the things that make peace. Heal our land, O Lord. Heal our homes. Heal our memories. And heal the places within us that we rarely speak about. Draw us back to you with cords of compassion. **Amen.**

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025:** Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18;

**Memory verse:** *"Our inner self is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)*

**Prayer:** Renewing God, as we move toward the year's end, restore our weary minds and strengthen our tired hearts. Let your perfect peace guard our anxieties and settle our restless thoughts. Remind us that even when the outer world shakes, you are renewing us from within. Lift our eyes above what is temporary and fix our hope on what is eternal. May your peace reign in our hearts. **Amen.**

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025:** Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19;

**Memory verse:** *"I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)*

**Prayer:** Lord of our years, today we pause and breathe deeply in your presence. Thank you for carrying us through every storm, every surprise, every silent night of this past year. As we cross into a new season, grant us wisdom like Solomon: wisdom to lead, to love, to choose well, to walk humbly. And shine your light upon our path, Lord Jesus. Dispel every shadow of fear and fill us with hope for the year ahead. Keep us rooted in your will and wrapped in your grace. **Amen.**

## New Year

**Thursday, January 01, 2026: NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

**Memory verse:** *"The Lord bless you and keep you." (Numbers 6:24)*

**Prayer:** Blessing God, we begin this year under the shelter of your name. Speak your blessing over our households, our work, our health, and our spiritual walk. Remind us that we are your children - beloved, redeemed, and never abandoned. Let your face shine upon us. Give us peace that surpasses understanding, courage that outlasts difficulty, and joy that renews our strength. Lead us into this new year with confidence in your unfailing love. **Amen.**

**Friday, January 02, 2026:** Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12;

**Memory verse:** *"Faith is confidence in what we hope for." (Hebrews 11:1)*

**Prayer:** God of new beginnings, as Abraham stepped into the unknown, give us the courage to walk by faith into this new year. Help us surrender what no longer serves your purpose and embrace what you are calling us into. Strengthen our trust, deepen our obedience, and enlarge our vision. May faith rise in us like morning light, guiding each step. **Amen.**

**Saturday, January 03, 2026:** Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22;

**Memory verse:** *"Surely the Lord is in this place." (Genesis 28:16)*

**Prayer:** God who meets us in unexpected places, today we remember Jacob's awe, that you are nearer than we think. Open our eyes to your presence in ordinary moments. Give us hearts that seek you, altars that honour you, and faith that journeys with you. When the future feels uncertain, remind us that you go before us. When we feel like strangers in our own story, remind us that our true home is found in you. **Amen.**

**Sunday, January 04, 2026: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9), 10-18

**Memory verse:** *"From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace." (John 1:16)*

**Prayer:** God of overflowing grace, fill our hearts with joy that no circumstance can steal. Reveal to us the beauty of your redemption and the abundance of your blessings. Gather us as your beloved people, restore what has been broken, and renew what has grown weary. May this new year be marked by grace upon grace - grace to forgive, grace to rise, grace to trust, and grace to love deeply. Root us in Christ, who is the true light and true life. **Amen.**