# Advent 2025 Readings + Listening Prayer Guide

Use this guide to slow down, listen, and let God meet you. Find a cozy, quiet spot. Light a candle. Breathe deeply. Open your Bible, grab your journal, and invite the Holy Spirit:

"Come and guide me. Open my heart to Jesus. Let me hear Your voice of hope."

## As You Read Each Passage...

Pay attention to two simple things:

#### 1. What does this reveal about God's nature?

What is He like? What does He love? How does He move toward His people?

#### 2. What does this reveal about human nature?

Where do you see your own heart reflected?

Then pause and pray: Ask God:

- "What is Your invitation for me in this passage?"
- "Who in my life needs encouragement, prayer, or practical support this week?"

Journal what you sense.

Let His Spirit guide you in walking it out.

# First Sunday of Advent — November 30

Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44

Theme: Hope awakening Listening Prayer Questions:

- "Jesus, where are You inviting me to wake up spiritually?"
- "What hope do You want to rekindle in me today?"

## Second Sunday of Advent — December 7

Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1–10 • Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 • Romans 15:4–13 • Matthew 3:1–12

Theme: The peace of Christ's coming

**Listening Prayer Questions:** 

- "Prince of Peace, what place in my heart needs Your peace?"
- "What crooked path in my life are You gently straightening?"

# Third Sunday of Advent — December 14

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1–10 • Psalm 146:5–10 • Luke 1:46b–55 • James 5:7–10 • Matthew 11:2–11

Theme: Joy rising

### Listening Prayer Questions:

- "Father, what joy are You birthing in me this season?"
- "Where am I invited to sing like Mary—even before I see the breakthrough?"

# Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 21

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10–16 • Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 • Romans 1:1–7 • Matthew 1:18–25

Theme: Love draws near Listening Prayer Questions:

- "Emmanuel, where do You want to be 'God with me' today?"
- "What fear are You replacing with Your presence?"

# ♣ December 24 & 25 — Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Choose any of these beautiful readings:

**Set 1:** Isaiah 9:2–7 • Psalm 96 • Titus 2:11–14 • Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)

**Set 2:** Isaiah 62:6–12 • Psalm 97 • Titus 3:4–7 • Luke 2:1–7, 8–20

**Set 3:** Isaiah 52:7–10 • Psalm 98 • Hebrews 1:1–4 (5–12) • John 1:1–14

Theme: Light has come

### **Listening Prayer Questions:**

- "Jesus, what gift of Yourself are You offering me this Christmas?"
- "What wonder do You want to restore in me?"

Blessings to you in this season of reflection, hope, and worship as we remember how Jesus came— and how He still comes today.

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