

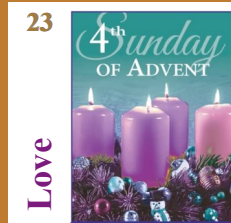
18 "the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth"
Luke 1:26

19 With your family read *Luke 2:1-12* aloud today. Invite others to listen who need to hear the angels' good news of great joy: our Savior is born!

20 When Baby John grew up, he preached to the people and pointed them to the messiah. Share John's message: "Prepare the way of the Lord"
John 1:15-23

21 Don't despair if you lack anything; God enters and fills every emptiness.
Is 40:1-11

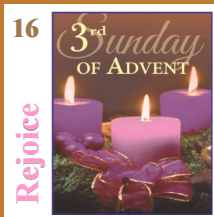
22 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above
James 1:17



24 He is Near. The Christ Child's birthday is near. Are we prepared to welcome Him as Our Lord and Savior? Luke 1:57-66

1 As you sit by the fire and feel its warmth this Advent remember God's loving care for you.
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

17 The people who Walked in darkness have seen a great light. Is 9:1



15 Ask for your heart's desire this Christmas. God eagerly offers everything to his children.
Isaiah 7:10-14

14 The Angel told Zachariah not to be afraid-his prayer had been heard. What else did he say? Read Luke 1:13



2 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11



A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES
In the darkness we light a flame of hope. May it dance not only upon our Advent wreath but within each of our hearts as well. Hope is the flower that blooms from the ground of Faith. And so, with joy, we keep the tradition of ages past as we encircle our Advent wreath with love and prayerful expectation. May this Advent season bring us a new birth of hope in the ancient promises of God Amen.

3 Share the light of the season, Help hang your tree and house lights and welcome the Light of the World into your life.

4 Jesus is coming! Let us prepare our lives for a blessing and not a reproach.
Psalm 25:4-5

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5 Open your eyes to the wonder of Advent "And God saw... it was very good" Gen 1:31

13 Gather your gifts and bring them to the Lord's house for the good of all.
1 Samuel 1:24-28

12 Spirit and power emerge from the faith to live according to God's promise of deliverance.
Judges 13:2-7

11 Presenting himself for our benefit, Christ makes us new even while we are still sinners.
Luke 1:26-38

10 This Advent, pray for families who remain separated during the holidays.
Matthew 1:18-25



8 Forgiveness is the beginning of healing and peace in our hearts.
Luke 5:17-26

7 God's Word has the power to transform. Welcome it with joy
Is 29:17-24

6 Open your eyes and look out your window at God's creation. Make a list of all of those "Christmas presents" in nature. Thank Him!