

# Advent Daily Reflections

**Week 1: HOPE** (December 2-8, 2018)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Sunday, December 2, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: Hebrews 11:1</b> <i>“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For what do you “hope”?</li><li>• What “assurance” does your faith give you?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray for God to give you the gifts of “faith” and “hope.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Monday, December 3, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: Romans 5:5</b> <i>“...and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does “God’s love” give you “hope”?</li><li>• What kind of “hope” has God given to you?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray for God to pour out “God’s love into your hearts,” so that you will have a “hope” that “does not disappoint” you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Tuesday, December 4, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: Job 4:6</b> <i>“Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is your “confidence”?</li><li>• How does “the integrity of your ways” give you “hope”?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray that God will give you the gifts of “confidence” and “integrity”, so that you may have “hope.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Wednesday, December 5, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: Psalm 9:18</b> <i>“For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During Advent, how do you remember the “needy” and the “poor”?</li><li>• What do you think is the “hope of the poor”?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray that the “needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.”</p>

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Thursday, December 6, 2018

**Bible Verse: Proverbs 10:28**

*“The hope of the righteous ends in gladness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to nothing.”*

**Reflection Questions:**

- How does your “hope” end in “gladness”?
- What “expectations” do you have for the coming Christmas season?

**Prayer Topic:**

Pray that your “hopes” may “end in gladness” and that your “expectations” may be fulfilled.

### Advent Daily Reflections

Friday, December 7, 2018

**Bible Verse: Isaiah 8:17**

*“I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him.”*

**Reflection Questions:**

- What does it mean to you to “wait for the Lord”?
- What causes you to “hope” in God?

**Prayer Topic:**

Pray that God will give you the patience to “wait for the Lord” and the strength to “hope in him.”

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Saturday, December 8, 2018

**Bible Verse: Acts 2:26**

*“...therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.”*

**Reflection Questions:**

- What causes your “heart” to be “glad” and your “tongue” to “rejoice”?
- What causes your flesh to “live in hope”?

**Prayer Topic:**

Pray that God will make your heart glad and cause you to “live in hope.”

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We invite you to join us for worship:

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

We also invite you to join us for learning:

Adult Education: Sundays at 8:40 a.m.

Sunday School: Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

**Special Opportunities**

Dec. 9: Trash Mountain, 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 16: Silverbackks, 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 23: Lessons & Carols, 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve services, 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Special music will begin 30 minutes prior to each service)