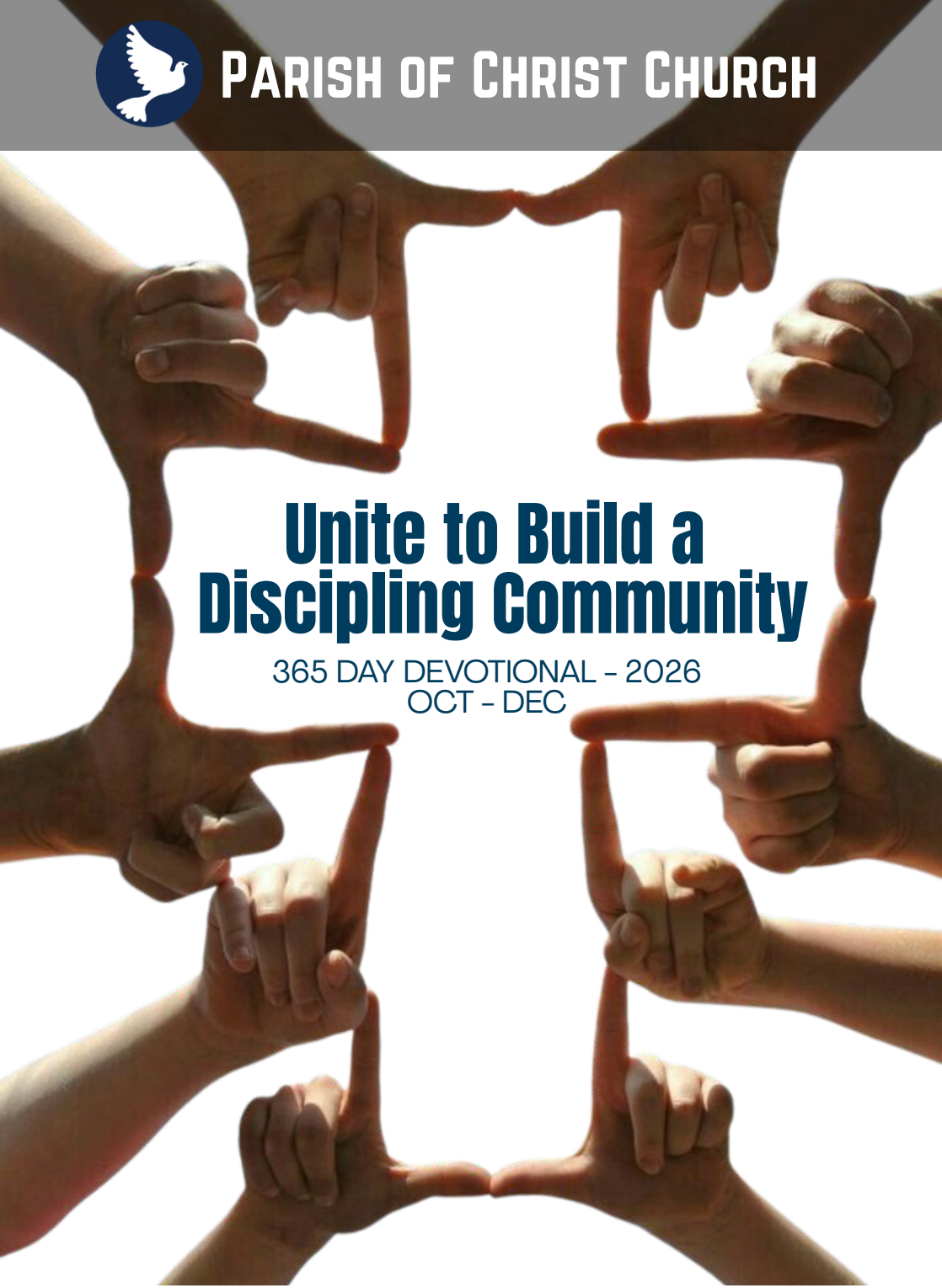
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365 DAY DEVOTIONAL – 2026
OCT – DEC

October 1 – Thursday of Trinity 17
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November 15 – Sunday (2nd Sunday before Advent, Continuous)
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November 22 – Sunday (Christ the King – Continuous)
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November 29 – Sunday (Advent 1 – Continuous)
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Oct-1 Thursday of Trinity 17

Readings: Job 19:21–27a;
Psalm 27:13–16; Luke 10:1–12

Reflection:
A school counsellor once said that the hardest part of her job was watching students smile on the outside while breaking on the inside. She said, "Hope is the hardest thing to teach, but the most powerful thing to give."
Job clung to hope when everything around him collapsed. He believed — stubbornly, courageously — that he would one day see God. Jesus sends His disciples reminding them that peace is stronger than rejection and that God finishes what He begins.
Unity grows when we choose hope even when our hearts feel tired.

Question: Where is God asking me to hold on to hope instead of despair?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my heart. Lift my eyes to see Your goodness in the land of the living. Amen.

Oct-2 Friday of Trinity 17

Readings: Job 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5;
Psalm 139:6–11; Luke 10:13–16

Reflection:
A young boy once asked his father, "Why do we see only a small part of the world?" His father answered, "Because if we saw everything at once, we'd forget how to wonder."
God questions Job not to crush him but to restore wonder — the kind that reminds us God is far greater than our questions. Jesus warns the unrepentant towns not because He hates them, but because He longs for their hearts to awaken.
Unity grows when we let wonder soften our pride.

Question: Where have I lost my sense of wonder before God?

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to Your greatness. Teach me humility through holy wonder. Amen.

Oct-3 Saturday of Trinity 17

Readings: Job 42:1–3, 6, 12–end;
Psalm 119:169–end; Luke 10:17–24

Reflection:
A teacher once said that her favourite moment each year was watching a struggling student finally "get it." She said, "Their joy becomes my joy." When Job repents, God restores and renews. When the disciples return rejoicing, Jesus' joy overflows. Heaven rejoices when our hearts turn toward God.
Unity grows when repentance leads to restoration instead of resentment.

Question: Where do I need to return to God so joy may be restored?

Prayer: Father, draw my heart back to You. Restore joy where weariness has settled. Amen.

Oct-4 Sunday – 18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20;
Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–end

Reflection:
A grandfather once told his grandson, "Rules don't stop you from living — they stop you from losing what matters most."
God's commandments protect relationship — with Him and with one another. Paul counts everything loss compared to Christ. Jesus warns that rejecting God's voice leads to ruin, not freedom.
Unity grows when obedience becomes love rather than obligation.

Question: Which part of God's Word do I need to obey with renewed sincerity?

Prayer: Lord, write Your laws on my heart. Help me treasure Your ways above all else. Amen.

Oct-5 Monday of Trinity 18

Readings: Galatians 1:6–12;
Psalm 111:1–6; Luke 10:25–37

Reflection:
A nurse shared that the most memorable people she met were not the loud ones but the kind ones — especially those who stopped to thank her during her busiest hours.
Paul defends the true gospel because love is costly and truth matters.
Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan shows that compassion is more important than convenience.
Unity grows when love interrupts our schedules.

Question: Who is God calling me to "stop for" today?

Prayer: Lord, make me attentive to others. Teach me to love beyond convenience. Amen.

Oct-6 Tuesday of Trinity 18

Readings: Galatians 1:13–end;
Psalm 139:1–9; Luke 10:38–end

Reflection:
A woman once said, “Busyness stole years from me. Presence gave them back.”
Paul’s transformation shows the power of God’s personal call. Mary chose presence over pressure.
Unity grows when people choose relationship over rushing.

Question: Where is God inviting me to slow down and sit at His feet?

Prayer: Lord, quiet my heart. Help me choose what is better and remain in Your presence. Amen.

Oct-7 Wednesday of Trinity 18

Readings: Galatians 2:1–2, 7–14;
Psalm 117; Luke 11:1–4

Reflection:
A child once prayed, "God, I don't know many words, but You know my heart."
The early church struggled through disagreements, yet Paul and the apostles sought unity. Jesus teaches a simple yet profound prayer that brings our hearts back to God.
Unity grows when prayer replaces pride.

Question: What part of the Lord's Prayer do I need to live out today?

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pray with sincerity, humility, and trust. Amen.

Oct-8 Thursday of Trinity 18

Readings: Galatians 3:1–5; Canticle: Benedictus; Luke 11:5–13

Reflection:

A mother once said, "My child keeps asking for the same thing every day. Not because he doubts me — but because he trusts I'm listening."
Jesus encourages persistent prayer, not to wear God down but to draw us near. Paul reminds the Galatians that the Spirit works through faith, not human effort.
Unity grows when we keep seeking God together.

Question: What prayer must I persist in without giving up?

Prayer: Father, give me perseverance in prayer and confidence in Your goodness. Amen.

Oct-9 Friday of Trinity 18

Readings: Galatians 3:7–14;
Psalm 111:4–end; Luke 11:15–26

Reflection:
A counsellor once told her client, "Freedom is not the absence of struggle. It is the presence of strength."
Christ redeems us from the curse by becoming the curse for us. Jesus teaches that true freedom is found only when our lives are filled with God, not emptied by fear.
Unity grows when Christ becomes our centre.

Question: Where do I need to invite Christ to fill what feels empty?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, fill every place in my heart. Set me free through Your presence. Amen.

Oct-10 Saturday of Trinity 18

Readings: Galatians 3:22–end;
Psalm 105:1–7; Luke 11:27–28

Reflection:
A grandmother once said, "The greatest blessing is not hearing the Word — it is living it."
Paul teaches that faith in Christ opens the door to becoming God's children. Jesus affirms that true blessedness comes from obeying God's Word.
Unity grows when Scripture is not just read but lived.

Question: Which part of God's Word do I need to practise this week?

Prayer: Lord, help me obey Your Word with joy and sincerity.
Amen.

Oct-11 Sunday – 19th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14

Reflection:
A pastor once said, "When people are impatient, they build idols. When people trust, they build altars."
Israel's impatience led them to a golden calf. Paul calls the church to unity, joy, and peace. Jesus warns that God's invitation is holy, not casual. Unity grows when we choose God over our own impulses.

Question: What idol of comfort, fear, or impatience must I lay down?

Prayer: Lord, lead me back to You. Help me choose trust over anxiety and obedience over pride. Amen.

Oct-12 Monday of Trinity 19

Readings: Galatians 4:21–24, 26–27, 31; 5:1;
Psalm 113; Luke 11:29–32

Reflection:
A teacher once said, “Some doors look open, but they lead back into cages.”
Paul warns that returning to slavery — legalism, fear, or old habits — steals freedom. Jesus confronts a generation seeking signs without repentance. Unity grows when hearts choose freedom over familiarity.

Question: What old habit or mindset is God calling me to step out of?

Prayer: Lord, lead me into the freedom Christ purchased for me. Amen.

Oct-13 Tuesday of Trinity 19

Readings: Galatians 5:1–6;
Psalm 119:41–48; Luke 11:37–41

Reflection:
A baker once said, “Clean counters don’t matter if the ingredients are spoiled.”
Jesus confronts the Pharisees for polishing the outside while neglecting the heart. Paul teaches that only faith working through love matters. Unity grows when our inside matches our outside.

Question: Where is God inviting me to clean my heart, not just my habits?

Prayer: Lord, purify my motives. Help me love sincerely and walk humbly. Amen.

Oct-14 Wednesday of Trinity 19

Readings: Galatians 5:18–end;
Psalm 1; Luke 11:42–46

Reflection:
A gardener once said, "Fruit doesn't grow by forcing — it grows by staying rooted."
Paul contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus confronts burdensome religion that crushes rather than heals.
Unity grows when the Spirit shapes us from within.

Question: Which fruit of the Spirit do I need God to cultivate in me today?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, grow Your fruit in my life. Make me gentle, humble, and true. Amen.

Oct-15 Thursday of Trinity 19

Readings: Ephesians 1:1–10;
Psalm 98:1–4; Luke 11:47–end

Reflection:
A woman once said, "The greatest dignity I found was realising God wanted me before I even knew Him."
Paul describes our identity in Christ — chosen, loved, redeemed. Jesus warns against honouring God with words but rejecting Him in truth. Unity grows when identity is rooted in grace, not performance.

Question: Which part of my identity in Christ do I need to reclaim today?

Prayer: Father, remind me who I am in You. Help me live in the fullness of Your grace. Amen.

Oct-16 Friday of Trinity 19

Readings: Ephesians 1:11–14;
Psalm 33:1–6, 12; Luke 12:1–7

Reflection:
A man once said that the most freeing moment of his life was discovering his adoption papers. "I realised I wasn't an accident — I was chosen."
Paul reminds the church that we belong to God because He chose us in love. Jesus assures us that even the hairs on our head are numbered. Unity grows when we remember we are God's treasured possession.

Question: Where have I forgotten that I am chosen and deeply loved by God?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for claiming me as Your own. Help me live in the confidence of Your love. Amen.

Oct-17 Saturday of Trinity 19

Readings: Ephesians 1:15–end;
Psalm 8; Luke 12:8–12

Reflection:
A musician once said, "When someone believes in you, you play differently."
Paul prays that believers would know the hope, the inheritance, and the power available in Christ. Jesus encourages His followers not to fear confessing Him publicly.
Unity grows when we encourage one another to stand boldly in faith.

Question: Who is God calling me to encourage or pray for this week?

Prayer: Father, open the eyes of my heart. Strengthen my faith to stand boldly for You. Amen.

Oct-18 Sunday
(20th Sunday after Trinity)

Readings: Exodus 33:12–end; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22

Reflection:

A father once said, "My child behaves differently when she knows I'm near."

Moses asks for God's presence above everything else. Paul gives thanks for believers whose faith was visible. Jesus teaches that loyalty to God shapes every earthly responsibility.

Unity grows when God's presence becomes our greatest desire.

Question: Where do I need to seek God's presence more deeply?

Prayer: Lord, go with me. Let Your presence guide my decisions and shape my life. Amen.

Oct-19 Monday of Trinity 20

Readings: Ephesians 2:1–10;
Psalm 100; Luke 12:13–21

Reflection:
A woman recovering from a difficult season said, “Grace didn’t just pull me out — it rebuilt me.”
Paul says we are saved by grace, created for good works. Jesus warns about building a life on possessions instead of purpose.
Unity grows when grace shapes how we live, work, and serve.

Question: What part of my life needs rebuilding by God’s grace?

Prayer: Lord, renew what is broken and redirect what is misplaced. Make my life honour You. Amen.

Oct-20 Tuesday of Trinity 20

Readings: Ephesians 2:11–end;
Psalm 85:7–end; Luke 12:35–38

Reflection:
A security guard once said, "My job is simple: stay ready."
Paul declares that Christ has broken down every dividing wall. Jesus calls His followers to be awake, alert, and faithful.
Unity grows when readiness leads to peace, not fear.

Question: How can I stay spiritually awake and ready for God's work today?

Prayer: Lord, keep me watchful, faithful, and full of peace.
Amen.

Oct-21 Wednesday of Trinity 20

Readings: Ephesians 3:2–12;
Psalm 98; Luke 12:39–48

Reflection:
A young engineer said, "When someone trusts you with responsibility, you rise to the level of the trust."
Paul reveals the mystery of God's grace — that the Gospel is for all. Jesus teaches that faithful stewardship reflects love for the Master.
Unity grows when we take responsibility for the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Question: What responsibility from God am I being called to handle with greater faithfulness?

Prayer: Lord, help me steward Your grace and calling with humility and diligence. Amen.

Oct-22 Thursday of Trinity 20

Readings: Ephesians 3:14–end;
Psalm 33:1–6; Luke 12:49–53

Reflection:
A counsellor once said, "Growth often begins where comfort ends."
Paul prays for believers to be strengthened in their inner being so Christ dwells richly in them. Jesus speaks of costly discipleship.
Unity grows when Christ becomes our strength in seasons of tension and sacrifice.

Question: Where is Christ calling me to grow stronger in my inner life?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen me with power through Your Spirit.
Root me deeply in Your love. Amen.

Oct-23 Friday of Trinity 20

Readings: Ephesians 4:1–6;
Psalm 24:1–6; Luke 12:54–end

Reflection:
A coach once said, "A team only wins when everyone moves in the same direction."
Paul urges believers to live in humility, gentleness, patience, and unity.
Jesus calls people to discern the times spiritually.
Unity grows when we walk worthy of our calling — together.

Question: Which attitude — humility, gentleness, or patience — do I most need today?

Prayer: Lord, help me live out the unity of the Spirit through love and humility. Amen.

Oct-24 Saturday of Trinity 20

Readings: Ephesians 4:7–16;
Psalm 122; Luke 13:1–9

Reflection:
A gardener once said, "Fruit takes time, but growth requires attention." Christ gives gifts to build up the church. Jesus' parable shows that fruitfulness comes from nurturing what God has planted.
Unity grows when every member contributes to the growth of the whole.

Question: How can I nurture the spiritual growth God desires in me?

Prayer: Lord, grow Your gifts in me. Help me serve and bless the body of Christ faithfully. Amen.

Oct-25 Sunday – Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1–12;
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–end

Reflection:
A mentor once said, "The greatest leaders are those who finish well even when they don't get everything they hoped for."
Moses sees the Promised Land but does not enter — yet God honours him deeply. Paul nurtures believers like a parent. Jesus teaches the greatest commandments.
Unity grows when love becomes our ultimate calling.

Question: How can I love God and people more faithfully this week?

Prayer: Lord, teach me to love with sincerity, humility, and strength. Amen.

Oct-26 Monday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 4:32—5:8;
Psalm 1; Luke 13:10–17

Reflection:
A doctor once said, “Healing begins when compassion sees what others overlook.”
Paul urges kindness, forgiveness, and holy living. Jesus heals a woman bent over for eighteen years, seeing what others ignored.
Unity grows when compassion guides our choices.

Question: Whom is God asking me to see with compassion today?

Prayer: Lord, make me kind and tenderhearted. Help me reflect Christ’s love. Amen.

Oct-27 Tuesday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 5:21–end;
Psalm 128; Luke 13:18–21

Reflection:
A builder once said, “Small foundations hold great buildings.”
Paul describes relationships built on mutual submission and honour.
Jesus compares God’s kingdom to mustard seeds and yeast — small beginnings with great impact.
Unity grows when humility strengthens every relationship.

Question: What small act of humility can I practise today?

Prayer: Lord, help me honour others as You have honoured me in Christ. Amen.

Oct-28 Wednesday – Simon & Jude, Apostles

Readings: Isaiah 28:14–16; Psalm 119:89–96; Ephesians 2:19–end; John 15:17–end

Reflection:
An architect once said, "If the foundation is strong, everything above it can stand the storm."
Christ is our cornerstone, the apostles our foundation. Jesus commands us to remain in His love.
Unity grows when we anchor our lives in Christ.

Question: Where do I need to rebuild my foundation on Christ?

Prayer: Lord, root my life in Your truth and strengthen me through Your love. Amen.

Oct-29 Thursday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 6:10–20;
Psalm 144:1–2, 9–11; Luke 13:31–end

Reflection:
A fireman once said, "You don't prepare in the fire — you prepare before it."
Paul teaches believers to put on the armour of God. Jesus continues His mission despite threats.
Unity grows when we stand firm together in spiritual battle.

Question: Which part of God's armour do I need to put on today?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen me in Your mighty power.
Help me stand firm in faith. Amen.

Oct-30 Friday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 1:1–11;
Psalm 111; Luke 14:1–6

Reflection:
A teacher once said, "The best gift you can give someone is to believe in what God is doing in their life."
Paul begins Philippians with thanksgiving and confidence in God's work in His people. Jesus heals with compassion despite criticism.
Unity grows when we encourage one another's spiritual growth.

Question: Whom can I thank God for and pray for today?

Prayer: Lord, complete Your good work in us as we grow in love and discernment. Amen.

Oct-31 Saturday after Trinity

Readings: Philippians 1:18–26;
Psalm 42:1–7; Luke 14:1, 7–11

Reflection:
A diver once said, "The deeper you go, the quieter it gets — and the more you hear your own heart."
Paul longs for Christ above all — in life or death. Jesus teaches humility at the banquet.
Unity grows when Christ becomes our deepest desire and humility becomes our posture.

Question: Where is God calling me to choose humility today?

Prayer: Lord, deepen my desire for You. Teach me to walk humbly before You and others. Amen.

Nov-1 Sunday of All Saints' Day (Continuous)

Readings: Revelation 7:9–end;
Psalm 34:1–10; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Reflection:
A little girl once entered a cathedral with her father and gazed at the stained-glass windows. "Daddy, who are those people?" she asked.
"They're saints," he replied.
She thought for a moment and said, "Oh... saints are people the Light shines through."
John reminds us that we are God's children, already loved and being transformed. Jesus teaches that the blessed are often the overlooked — the humble, the merciful, the pure in heart. Saints are not perfect people; they are people who let God's light pass through their cracks.

Question: Where do I need to let God's light shine through me this week?

Prayer: Lord, make me transparent to Your grace. Shape me into a person who reflects Your love, mercy, and truth wherever I go. Amen.

Nov - 2 Monday of All Souls' Week

Readings: Philippians 2:1–4;
Psalm 131; Luke 14:12–14

Reflection:
A hospice nurse shared that the most peaceful passings happened when families had already practised small acts of kindness toward each other — forgiveness, gentleness, gratitude. Paul calls us to the same spirit: to look not only to our own interests but also to others'.
Jesus teaches us to give without expecting anything back. Heaven remembers every unseen act of love.

Question: Whom can I serve quietly this week without looking for recognition?

Prayer: Lord, humble my heart. Make my love genuine and my service sincere. Amen.

Nov-3 Tuesday

Readings: Philippians 2:5–11;
Psalm 22:22–27; Luke 14:15–24

Reflection:
A missionary once said, "True leadership is kneeling low enough to wash another's feet." Paul describes Christ's humility — the One who had every right to demand honour chose instead to serve.
When invited to God's feast, people made excuses. Yet the humble and unexpected became guests of honour. God honours the bowed heart.

Question: Where do I need to choose humility over comfort?

Prayer: Jesus, teach me Your humility. Help me follow Your example of serving and welcoming. Amen.

Nov-4 Wednesday

Readings: Philippians 2:12–18;
Psalm 27:1–5; Luke 14:25–33

Reflection:
A runner training for his first marathon said, "The hardest part wasn't the distance — it was saying no to things that distracted me from training." Paul urges us to "work out our salvation" with wholehearted devotion. Jesus reminds us that discipleship requires intentional choices. The narrow road is a daily yes to Him.

Question: What distractions do I need to lay aside to walk with Christ more faithfully?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my resolve to follow You. Help me shine as a light in a distracted world. Amen.

Nov-5 Thursday

Readings: Philippians 3:3–8a;
Psalm 105:1–7; Luke 15:1–10

Reflection:
A jeweller once said he could tell which gems were real by holding them close to a flame — the real ones never lost their shine.
Paul realised that everything he once valued was nothing compared to knowing Christ. Jesus tells of heaven's joy when one lost soul is found. True treasure is measured in eternal worth, not earthly status.

Question: What earthly "treasure" is God asking me to hold more lightly?

Prayer: Lord, reorder my loves. Help me treasure Christ above all else. Amen.

Nov-6 Friday

Readings: Philippians 3:17—4:1;
Psalm 122; Luke 16:1–8

Reflection:
A farmer built terraces on a rocky hillside so the next generation could grow fruit even though he knew he wouldn't live to see the harvest. Paul calls believers to follow godly examples and think generationally. Jesus reminds us to be wise stewards of what God entrusts to us. Faithfulness today prepares blessing for tomorrow.

Question: How can I steward my resources, influence, and time for God's kingdom?

Prayer: Father, make me a faithful steward. Use my life to plant seeds that will bless others. Amen.

Nov-7 Saturday

Readings: Philippians 4:10–19;
Psalm 112; Luke 16:9–15

Reflection:
A missionary couple once received an anonymous envelope containing exactly the amount they needed for rent. The note simply said, "God sees."
Paul experienced this same provision through the Philippians' generosity. Jesus teaches that our relationship with money reveals the posture of our heart.
God's faithfulness and our generosity walk hand in hand.

Question: How is God inviting me to trust Him more deeply with my finances?

Prayer: Lord, provide for my needs and free my heart from fear. Make me generous like You. Amen.

Nov-8 Sunday (3rd Sunday before Advent, Continuous)

Readings: Amos 5:18–24; Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13–end; Matthew 25:1–13

Reflection:
During a city blackout, neighbours who never spoke to each other gathered outside with candles and shared food. Darkness pushed them into unexpected community.
God warns Israel that religious activity without justice is empty. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins — only those prepared entered the feast.
Faithfulness is shown not in the noise of worship but in the light of obedience.

Question: Where do I need to align my actions with God's heart for justice and mercy?

Prayer: Lord, awaken my heart to live wisely and walk rightly before You. Amen.

Nov - 9 Monday

Readings: Titus 1:1–9;
Psalm 24:1–6; Luke 17:1–6

Reflection:
A mentor once told a young leader, "Character is who you are when no one is watching — and it always leaks into your leadership."
Paul reminds Titus that godly leadership flows from godly character.
Jesus calls us to forgive repeatedly and walk in faith.
True strength is moral, not muscular.

Question: What area of my character needs God's refining this week?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, shape my integrity and strengthen my faith. Amen.

Nov-10 Tuesday

Readings: Titus 2:1–8, 11–14;
Psalm 37:3–5, 30–32; Luke 17:7–10

Reflection:
A violinist once practised for hours daily though no audience heard him. He said, "I play for the One who always listens."
Paul urges believers to live with integrity whether seen or unseen. Jesus reminds us that serving God is our privilege, not our leverage.
Quiet faithfulness honours God.

Question: Where is God calling me to serve quietly without expectation of praise?

Prayer: Lord, let my unseen obedience bring You joy.
Amen.

Nov - 11 Wednesday

Readings: Titus 3:1–7;
Psalm 23; Luke 17:11–19

Reflection:
A man who survived a serious illness kept a gratitude journal every day afterwards, saying, "Thankfulness keeps my heart soft."
Paul reminds us that God saved us by mercy, not merit. Only one of the healed lepers returned to thank Jesus.
Gratitude is the soil where humility grows.

Question: What blessing have I forgotten to thank God for recently?

Prayer: Lord, restore a grateful heart within me.
Let thanksgiving overflow from my life. Amen.

Nov-12 Thursday

Readings: Philemon 7–20;
Psalm 146:4–end; Luke 17:20–25

Reflection:
In a conflict-resolution workshop, a facilitator said, "Reconciliation is when the future becomes bigger than the past."
Paul urges Philemon to receive Onesimus not as a slave but as a brother.
Jesus teaches that God's kingdom is already among us.
Where the kingdom reigns, relationships are restored.

Question: Where might God be inviting me to pursue reconciliation?

Prayer: Lord, soften my heart. Make me an instrument of peace and restoration. Amen.

Nov-13 Friday

Readings: 2 John 4–9;
Psalm 119:1–8; Luke 17:26–end

Reflection:
A gardener said the healthiest plants grow when exposed to both sunlight and pruning.
John calls believers to walk in truth and love — two essential lights for spiritual growth. Jesus warns us to stay awake spiritually, not numb or distracted.
Light and discipline help us flourish.

Question: Where do I need God's pruning so I can grow in love and truth?

Prayer: Lord, prune what hinders me and make my life fruitful for You. Amen.

Nov-14 Saturday

Readings: 3 John 5–8;
Psalm 112; Luke 18:1–8

Reflection:
A grandmother prayed daily for her family for over 40 years. She said, "If I stop praying, I stop breathing spiritually."
John commends believers who support God's work. Jesus urges persistent prayer — to never give up.
Prayer is not persuasion; it is perseverance.

Question: What long-term prayer do I need to pick up again?

Prayer: Lord, renew my persistence in prayer. Help me trust Your timing. Amen.

Nov-15 Sunday (2nd Sunday before Advent, Continuous)

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–end; Psalm 90:1–8, 12;
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

Reflection:
A company buried a time capsule 50 years ago, filled with items people thought would matter in the future. Most were worthless by the time they opened it.
Zephaniah warns of complacency. Paul urges alertness. Jesus tells the parable of the talents — God expects us to invest what He has given. We live wisely when eternity guides our priorities.

Question: What gift or calling has God given me that I need to use faithfully?

Prayer: Lord, awaken my spirit. Help me invest my life joyfully for Your kingdom. Amen.

Nov-16 Monday

Readings: Revelation 1:1–4; 2:1–5;
Psalm 1; Luke 18:35–end

Reflection:
A man once kept a journal of his spiritual life. When he reread entries from five years earlier, he realised, "I've been busy for God, but drifting from God."
Jesus tells the Ephesian church, "You have forsaken your first love."
The blind man near Jericho refused to be silent — he cried out until Jesus heard him.
When love fades, passion fades. When love returns, vision returns.

Question: Where is my first love for Jesus calling me back to deeper devotion?

Prayer: Lord, rekindle my love for You. Restore passion, hunger, and intimacy in my walk. Amen.

Nov-17 Tuesday

Readings: Revelation 3:1–6, 14–22;
Psalm 15; Luke 19:1–10

Reflection:
A counsellor once said, "The most dangerous spiritual state is not rebellion — it's sleep."
Sardis looked alive but was spiritually asleep. Laodicea was neither hot nor cold.
But Zacchaeus climbed a tree simply to see Jesus — and it changed his entire life.
Awakened hearts always make room for Jesus.

Question: What part of my spiritual life needs awakening?

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes and stir my spirit. Let me respond eagerly when You call. Amen.

Nov-18 Wednesday

Readings: Revelation 4;
Psalm 150; Luke 19:11–28

Reflection:
An astronaut said after returning from space, "Earth looked small — but God looked big."
John's vision of heaven reminds us that worship is not about music but majesty.
Jesus' parable of the minas calls us to live with accountability. When worship enlarges our view of God, obedience becomes joyful.

Question: How does a bigger vision of God change the way I live today?

Prayer: Holy God, give me a worshipping heart and an obedient spirit. Amen.

Nov-19 Thursday

Readings: Revelation 5:1–10;
Psalm 149:1–5; Luke 19:41–44

Reflection:
A teacher once wept during graduation because her students didn't realise the potential she saw in them.
Jesus weeps over Jerusalem for the same reason — they did not recognise God's visitation.
John sees heaven proclaim Christ as the worthy Lamb. Heaven recognised Him; earth resisted Him.
May we not miss the moments where God draws near.

Question: Where might Jesus be drawing near to me without me noticing?

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes. Help me recognise Your presence and respond with faith. Amen.

Nov-20 Friday

Readings: Revelation 10:8–end;
Psalm 119:65–72; Luke 19:45–end

Reflection:
A Bible translator spent years learning a tribal language just to translate one verse accurately. He said, "Truth must be tasted, not just studied."
John is told to eat the scroll — sweet in his mouth, bitter in his stomach. God's Word comforts and confronts.
Jesus cleanses the temple because worship must be pure, not transactional.

Question: Which part of God's Word is challenging me this season?

Prayer: Lord, let Your Word form me — sweet or bitter — until my life reflects Christ. Amen.

Nov - 21 Saturday

Readings: Revelation 11:4–12;
Psalm 144:1–9; Luke 20:27–40

Reflection:
A pastor once said, "You can silence a voice, but you can't silence a testimony."
The two witnesses in Revelation stand boldly until God finishes their assignment.
Jesus silences His critics with the truth of resurrection life.
God sustains those who stand for Him.

Question: What testimony has God given me that I must continue to stand for?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my witness. Help me stand firm with courage and grace. Amen.

Nov-22 Sunday
(Christ the King – Continuous)

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7;
Ephesians 1:15–end; Matthew 25:31–end

Reflection:
A shepherd in New Zealand once said, "A sheep knows the shepherd's voice not by fear, but by familiarity."
God promises to shepherd His people personally.
Christ the King sits on the throne, yet knows the needs of the least.
True greatness is revealed in how we treat those who can give us nothing in return.

Question: How can I reflect the compassion of Christ the King in my relationships?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, reign in my heart. Make me a shepherding presence to others. Amen.

Nov - 23 Monday

Readings: Revelation 14:1–5;
Psalm 24:1–6; Luke 21:1–4

Reflection:
A poor woman once placed two coins in an offering bag and whispered, "This is small, but my trust is big."
That is exactly what Jesus praises in the widow.
John sees a people marked on their foreheads with God's name — a sign of ultimate belonging.
God values devotion, not amounts.

Question: Where is God inviting me to trust Him sacrificially?

Prayer: Father, receive my small offerings and make them pleasing to You. Amen.

Nov - 24 Tuesday

Readings: Revelation 14:14–19;
Psalm 96; Luke 21:5–11

Reflection:
A farmer watches the sky and soil constantly, knowing exactly when harvest is ready.
Revelation uses harvest imagery to show God's perfect timing.
Jesus warns His disciples not to panic in troubled times.
The God who holds the harvest also holds history.

Question: How can I trust God's timing even when the world feels unstable?

Prayer: Lord, anchor my heart in Your sovereignty.
Calm my fears and strengthen my faith. Amen.

Nov - 25 Wednesday

Readings: Revelation 15:1–4;
Psalm 98; Luke 21:12–19

Reflection:
A missionary imprisoned for his faith said, "They could chain my body, but they could not chain my worship."
John sees heaven singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.
Jesus promises endurance to those who stand firm in trials.
Worship strengthens us in suffering.

Question: How can I cultivate worship even during difficult seasons?

Prayer: Lord, give me perseverance. Let praise rise from my heart even in trials. Amen.

Nov-26 Thursday

Readings: Revelation 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9;
Psalm 100; Luke 21:20–28

Reflection:
An elderly believer once said, "When God ends something, it's not loss — it's clearing the stage for what's next."
Babylon's fall represents the end of worldly arrogance.
Jesus says redemption draws near even when everything seems to fall apart.
Endings in God's kingdom are never final; they prepare for glory.

Question: What ending in my life might God be using to prepare me for something new?

Prayer: Lord, help me trust You in every transition. Prepare my heart for Your redemption. Amen.

Nov - 27 Friday

Readings: Revelation 20:1–4, 11–21:2;
Psalm 84:1–6; Luke 21:29–33

Reflection:
A man renovating an old house said, “Before beauty comes, demolition comes first.”
Revelation shows old things passing away and the new creation arriving. Jesus says God’s Word will never pass away — it is the only unshakable foundation.
God rebuilds what sin has broken.

Question: Where do I need God to rebuild what has been broken in my life?

Prayer: Lord, renew my heart and anchor me in Your unchanging Word. Amen.

Nov-28 Saturday

Readings: Revelation 22:1–7;
Psalm 95:1–7; Luke 21:34–36

Reflection:
A traveller once said that the last kilometre always felt the longest — but also the most hopeful.
Revelation ends with the words, "I am coming soon."
Jesus calls us to stay awake, praying at all times.
Hope is not passive; it is watchful and disciplined.

Question: How can I stay spiritually awake in the midst of daily pressure?

Prayer: Lord, keep my heart alert and filled with hope as I wait for You. Amen.

Nov-29 Sunday
(Advent 1 – Continuous)

Readings: Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–8, 18–20;
1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

Reflection:
During a storm, a child looked out the window and said, "I hope Daddy comes home soon."
That longing captures the cry of Advent: "O Lord, tear open the heavens and come down."
Isaiah expresses the ache of waiting. Jesus commands watchfulness. Hope is the posture of those who know God will act, even when He feels slow.

Question: What longing in my heart is God awakening this Advent?

Prayer: Lord, awaken hope in me. Come into my life in power, love, and renewal. Amen.

Nov-30 Monday of Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Matthew 8:5–11

Reflection:

A young woman started a new job in a huge company. On her first day, she walked into the building and felt lost. She didn't know anyone, didn't know where anything was, and was unsure if she belonged. But then a senior colleague noticed her hesitating at the lift. He smiled and said, "You're new? Let me walk with you."

That short walk calmed her fears. Someone chose to come alongside her. Isaiah pictures a day when nations stream to the Lord to learn His ways. Jesus welcomes a Roman centurion — an outsider — with astonishing honour. God is the One who sees the hesitant, the lost, and the unsure, and says, "Walk with Me."

Unity grows when we walk in God's light together and welcome those who feel out of place.

Question: Who around me needs a gentle welcome so they can find their way to God?

Prayer: Lord, lead me in Your light. Help me welcome others as You welcome me. Amen.

Dec-1 Tuesday of Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–4, 18–19; Luke 10:21–24

Reflection:

A gardener once showed his neighbour a stump in his backyard. "This tree died years ago," he said. The neighbour shrugged. Months later, a tiny green shoot pushed out from the side. The gardener smiled and said, "Life has a way of surprising us."

Isaiah says hope will spring from a stump — from something that looks finished. Jesus rejoices that God reveals His kingdom to the humble, not the powerful.

God's work often begins where we assume nothing can grow.

Question: Where is God asking me to expect new life even in places that feel like a dead stump?

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to Your surprising hope. Renew my heart with Your life. Amen.

Dec-2 Wednesday of Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23;
Matthew 15:29–37

Reflection:
A family once prepared a small dinner for themselves, but at the last minute a neighbour in need knocked on the door. They hesitated — there wasn't much food — but they welcomed him in. To their amazement, what they had became enough for everyone. Isaiah promises a feast prepared by God Himself. Jesus feeds thousands with what looks insufficient.
God takes small offerings and turns them into abundance. Unity grows when we trust Him with what little we have.

Question: What "little" in my life is God asking me to place in His hands?

Prayer: Lord, take what I have and make it enough. Use my life to bless others. Amen.

Dec-3 Thursday of Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:18–27a;
Matthew 7:21, 24–27

Reflection:
A builder learned early in his career that the strength of a house was not in its beauty but its foundation. One stormy season, two nearby houses faced the same winds. One stood firm; the other cracked. The difference was invisible — the foundation.

Jesus calls us to build on the rock of His Word. Isaiah speaks of a strong city, secure in God's salvation.

Our external seasons may vary, but our inner foundation remains our anchor.

Question: What part of my life needs to be rebuilt on the solid foundation of God's Word?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my foundation in You. Make me steadfast in every storm. Amen.

Dec-4 Friday of Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 29:17–end; Psalm 27:1–4, 16–17; Matthew 9:27–31

Reflection:
Two brothers hiked a mountain trail at dawn. As they climbed, the mist was so thick they couldn't see beyond a few steps. But they kept walking. When they finally reached the viewpoint, the sky cleared and revealed a breathtaking sunrise.

Faith often feels like walking through mist. The blind men cried out to Jesus, believing before seeing. Isaiah promises that the deaf will hear and the blind will see.

God's light often breaks through only after the climb.

Question: Where is God asking me to trust Him even when I cannot see clearly?

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes. Help me trust You in the waiting. Amen.

Dec-5 Saturday of Advent 1

Readings: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 146:4–9; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 6–8

Reflection:
A teacher once guided a group of students on a field trip. Some wandered, some got distracted, and others lagged behind. But the teacher kept calling out, "This way! Stay close!"
Isaiah reminds us that God whispers, "This is the way; walk in it." Jesus sends His disciples to heal and restore — but only after they have heard His call.
God guides us step by step, even when we drift.

Question: Where do I need to pause and listen again for God's voice?

Prayer: Lord, guide my steps. Help me follow Your voice with confidence. Amen.

Dec-6 Sunday of Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 85:1–2, 8–end; 2 Peter 3:8–15a; Mark 1:1–8

Reflection:
A weary traveller once arrived at a train station late at night. Every connection had been missed, and the whole journey seemed ruined. But the station master told him gently, “The train hasn’t forgotten you. It’s just delayed — but it will come.”
Peter reminds us that God is never slow; His timing is perfect. Isaiah declares comfort to a weary people, promising that God Himself will come with tenderness and strength.
Unity grows when we wait together with hope, trusting that God is never late.

Question: Where in my life do I need to remember that God’s timing is not delay but preparation?

Prayer: Lord, comfort my heart and steady my hope.
Teach me to wait with faith. Amen.

Dec-7 Monday of Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 35; Psalm 85:7–end; Luke 5:17–26

Reflection:
A group of friends once carried a paralysed man up a narrow stairway to get him into a clinic that was too full. People stared, but they didn't care — love pushed them forward.
Isaiah describes a day when the weak walk and the desert blooms. In Luke, four friends tear open a roof to bring someone to Jesus.
Healing often happens because someone refuses to give up on another.

Question: Who is God asking me to carry in prayer until they find their healing?

Prayer: Lord, give me compassion that perseveres. Use me to bring someone closer to You. Amen.

Dec-8 Tuesday of Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1, 10–end; Matthew 18:12–14

Reflection:
A shepherd in rural India once said, “I know every one of my goats. If even one doesn’t show up, I feel it immediately.”
Jesus speaks of a shepherd who searches tirelessly for the one who wandered. Isaiah proclaims a Shepherd who gathers lambs in His arms. God does not lose track of us. Not even for a moment.

Question: Who in my life is “the one” Jesus is asking me to gently pursue this week?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for never losing sight of me. Make me a shepherd after Your heart. Amen.

Dec-9 Wednesday of Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 40:25–end; Psalm 103:8–13; Matthew 11:28–end

Reflection:
A mother noticed her little boy sitting quietly on the staircase, looking tired. She asked, "Why are you here?" He whispered, "I don't know... I'm just tired." She picked him up and said, "You don't always need a reason. Just rest."

Jesus says, "Come to Me... and I will give you rest." Isaiah reminds us that God strengthens the weary and lifts those who stumble.

Rest is not laziness; it is surrender to the God who carries us.

Question: Where do I need to stop striving and let God hold me?

Prayer: Lord, give rest to my tired heart and strength to my weary spirit. Amen.

Dec-10 Thursday of Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 41:13–20; Psalm 145:1, 8–13; Matthew 11:11–15

Reflection:
A young swimmer panicked in the deep end of the pool. The instructor reached out and said, "Hold my hand… I won't let you go." The boy stopped thrashing and finally floated, held by a stronger arm. God tells Israel, "Do not fear, for I will help you." Jesus speaks of John the Baptist and the unshakable kingdom.
Fear loosens its grip when we hold on to the One who holds us.

Question: What fear is God inviting me to release into His hands today?

Prayer: Lord, hold me with Your strong hand. Replace my fear with trust. Amen.

Dec-11 Friday of Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 48:17–19; Psalm 1;
Matthew 11:16–19

Reflection:
A music teacher once said, “Some students hear the melody immediately. Others hear it only when they slow down and listen.” Jesus laments a generation that refuses to listen — neither to mourning nor dancing. Isaiah calls us to pay attention to God who teaches us the way to walk.
Spiritual maturity begins with attentive listening.

Question: Where is God speaking, but I have been too hurried to hear?

Prayer: Lord, tune my ears to Your voice. Teach me to walk in Your way. Amen.

Dec-12 Saturday of Advent 2

Readings: 2 Kings 2:9–12; Psalm 80:1–4, 18–19; Matthew 17:10–13

Reflection:
A mentor once placed his hand on a young leader's shoulder and said, "Everything I've learned, I pray you'll carry further than I ever could."
Elisha receives Elijah's mantle; the disciples learn that John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah.
God's work moves from generation to generation through willing hearts.

Question: Who is God asking me to encourage, mentor, or pass something on to?

Prayer: Lord, help me invest in others as You have invested in me. Amen.

Dec-13 Sunday of Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–end; Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28

Reflection:
A woman who had gone through a difficult season once said, "I didn't smile for months. Then one morning, I caught myself smiling at nothing — and I realised healing had quietly begun."
Isaiah speaks of ruins restored and joy returning. John the Baptist points not to himself, but to the Light that heals the world.
Unity grows when we allow God's light to break into our own darkness first.

Question: Where do I need the Light of Christ to restore joy in me again?

Prayer: Lord, shine Your healing light into my heart. Restore what has been broken. Amen.

Dec-14 Monday of Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23; Matthew 15:29–37

Reflection:

A child once asked his mother, "Will there be enough?" She opened the cupboard and said, "We'll make it work." And somehow, every day, it was enough.

In Matthew, the crowd is hungry and tired, yet Jesus does not send them away. He feeds them. Isaiah pictures God's feast, a table of abundance where sorrow is swallowed up and tears are wiped away. Psalm 23 anchors it all: the Lord is Shepherd, Provider, and Host.

When resources look small, Jesus reminds us that His compassion is not limited by our lack.

Question: Where am I assuming there will not be enough, instead of trusting Jesus' care?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are my Shepherd and my Provider. Feed my faith when I feel empty. Amen.

Dec-15 Tuesday of Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:18–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27

Reflection:
A man built his house quickly to beat the rain. Another took longer, digging deep before building. When the storm came, only one house stood.
Jesus says the difference is not in what we claim but in what we practise. Isaiah speaks of a strong city and a steadfast people, held secure by God's peace. Psalm 118 praises the Lord who disciplines yet does not abandon.
Advent is not only waiting, it is building. We build a life that stands by obeying Christ, quietly, daily, repeatedly.

Question: What is one area where I need to move from knowing God's Word to doing it?

Prayer: Lord, help me build on the rock. Give me obedience that lasts through every storm. Amen.

Dec-16 Wednesday of Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 29:17–end; Psalm 27:1–4, 16–17; Matthew 9:27–31

Reflection:

Two blind men kept shouting, “Have mercy on us!” People tried to hush them, but they would not stop. They knew Jesus was near, and they refused to settle for silence.

In Isaiah, God promises reversal: the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and the humble will rejoice. Psalm 27 teaches the posture of Advent faith: “Wait for the Lord.” The miracle in Matthew comes through a simple exchange: Jesus asks, “Do you believe?” and they answer, “Yes, Lord.”

Faith is not shouting to impress anyone. Faith is calling out because we believe Jesus truly can.

Question: What am I afraid to ask Jesus for again, even though I still need His mercy?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open my eyes to see You clearly, and strengthen my faith to ask boldly. Amen.

Dec-17 Thursday of Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 146:4–9; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 6–8

Reflection:
A shepherd knows the difference between a sheep that is exploring and a sheep that is lost.
The lost one does not need a lecture. It needs to be found.
Jesus looks on the crowds with compassion because they are like sheep without a shepherd.
Then He calls and sends His disciples, not as experts, but as carriers of His mercy. Isaiah promises God's guiding voice, and Psalm 146 shows God's heart for the vulnerable.
Advent reminds us that God does not only comfort from a distance. He comes near, He speaks, and He sends.

Question: Who around me needs compassion more than correction, and how can I respond this week?

Prayer: Lord, make my heart tender like Yours. Guide me, then send me to bring Your mercy to others. Amen.

Dec-18 Friday of Advent 3

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5–8; Psalm 72:1–2, 12–13, 18–end; Matthew 1:18–24

Reflection:
A carpenter once built a cradle for his unborn child. Every nail was carefully placed even though the baby wasn't born yet. Someone asked him, "Why so much effort now?" He smiled, "Because love prepares long before we see the promise."
God prepared a righteous Branch long before Israel understood.
Joseph obeyed before he saw the full picture.
Love makes room even when outcomes are uncertain.

Question: What is God asking me to prepare in faith, even before I see results?

Prayer: Lord, help me walk in obedience like Joseph, trusting every word You speak. Amen.

Dec-19 Saturday of Advent 3

Readings: Judges 13:2–7, 24–end; Psalm 71:3–8; Luke 1:5–25

Reflection:
A retired teacher once said, “Some of the best things I ever planted were seeds I never lived to see fully grown.”
Manoah’s wife receives a promise she cannot fully comprehend. Zechariah hears an answer to a prayer he had long stopped praying. God works in long arcs, not instant results.
Faith sometimes means believing that God is working beyond our lifetime.

Question: Which long-buried hope is God inviting me to believe for again?

Prayer: Lord, revive my hope. Help me trust that nothing is impossible with You. Amen.

Dec-20 Sunday of Advent 4

Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 24:1–6; Luke 1:26–38

Reflection:
A young girl once received an unexpected scholarship letter. She trembled as she read it, whispering, "This changes everything."
Mary receives a message far greater — heaven steps into her ordinary life. Isaiah foretells Emmanuel, God with us.
Surrendering to God's plan often begins with fear, but ends in favour.

Question: Where is God inviting me to say, "Let it be to me according to Your word"?

Prayer: Lord, give me Mary's courage to trust what I cannot fully understand. Amen.

Dec-21 Monday of Advent 4

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18; Psalm 33:1–4, 11–12, 20–end; Luke 1:39–45

Reflection:
Two sisters once reunited after years of misunderstanding. When they hugged, one said through tears, “I didn’t realise how much joy I lost by keeping distance.”
When Mary visits Elizabeth, joy leaps, and blessing flows. Zephaniah describes a God who rejoices over His people with singing.
Joy grows when we draw near to one another instead of staying distant.

Question: Who is God prompting me to reconnect with so that joy may rise again?

Prayer: Lord, fill my relationships with Your joy and healing presence. Amen.

Dec-22 Tuesday of Advent 4

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24–end; Psalm 113;
Luke 1:46–56

Reflection:
A mother once prayed over her child each night, saying, "Lord, take this life further than I ever could." Hannah dedicates Samuel to God, and Mary magnifies the Lord with a surrendered heart.
Worship is never just singing — it is offering our lives back to God.

Question: What area of my life am I holding tightly that God is inviting me to release?

Prayer: Lord, receive my life and shape it for Your glory. Amen.

Dec-23 Wednesday of Advent 4

Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; 4:5–end; Psalm 25:3–9;
Luke 1:57–66

Reflection:
A jeweller once said, "Gold is purified by fire, but shaped by gentle hands."
Malachi speaks of refining fire, and Luke shows the birth of John — a child prepared with purpose.
God refines us, not to destroy us, but to reveal His image in us.

Question: Where is God purifying my heart so that Christ may be seen more clearly in my life?

Prayer: Lord, refine me gently. Shape me into the disciple You desire me to be. Amen.

Dec-24 Thursday
(Advent 4 / Christmas Eve)

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16; Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26; Romans 16:25–end; Luke 1:26–38

Reflection:
A father once spent weeks building a small wooden stable for his daughter's Christmas nativity set. She asked why he worked so long on something so small. He replied, "Because the smallest places can hold the greatest promises."
David hears God's promise of an everlasting house. Mary hears that the Holy One will dwell in her.
God often builds His greatest works in the humblest places.

Question: Is my heart a humble place where God can build something eternal?

Prayer: Lord, prepare my heart like Mary's — open, yielded, and ready for Your promise. Amen.

Dec-25 Friday
(Christmas Day – Set I)

Readings: Isaiah 9:2–7; Psalm 96;
Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

Reflection:
A little boy turned on a small nightlight during a blackout and whispered, "It's not big, but it's enough."
On Christmas morning, God shines not with overwhelming force but with the gentle light of a Child. Isaiah says a great light has dawned. The angels announce peace to the world.
God's answer to darkness is not noise, but incarnation — a Light that is enough for every shadow.

Question: Where do I need to let Christ's gentle light replace my fear today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, shine into my heart.
Fill me with Your peace and hope. Amen.

Dec-26 Saturday

Readings: 2 Chronicles 24:20–22 or Acts 7:51–end;
Psalm 119:161–168; Acts 7:51–end or Galatians 2:16b–20;
Matthew 10:17–22

Reflection:
A young man once said, “Courage isn’t loud. It’s the quiet decision to do what is right even when no one claps.”
Stephen chooses truth over safety. His face shines like an angel because he is fixed on Christ, not approval.
The world may oppose righteousness, but heaven stands for those who stand for Christ.

Question: Where do I need to choose courage instead of comfort?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen me with Stephen’s boldness and fill my heart with Your love. Amen.

Dec-27 Sunday

Readings: Exodus 33:7–11a; Psalm 117; 1 John 1; John 21:19b–end

Reflection:
A painter once said, “To capture true beauty, you must stay long enough to see the light change.”
John stayed close to Jesus — at the table, by the cross, at the empty tomb. His writings glow with the light of someone who remained.
Transformation comes not from rushing through faith, but remaining in Christ.

Question: Where is God calling me to slow down and remain in His presence?

Prayer: Lord, draw me close. Teach me to remain in You and walk in Your light. Amen.

Dec-28 Monday

Readings: Jeremiah 31:15–17; Psalm 124; 1 Corinthians 1:26–29; Matthew 2:13–18

Reflection:
A counsellor once said, “Grief is love that doesn’t know where to go.” The weeping of the mothers in Bethlehem reminds us that evil wounds deeply. Yet Jeremiah speaks of hope — children returning, God restoring.
Christ enters a world of pain, not to escape it but to redeem it.

Question: Where do I need God’s healing in the painful chapters of my life?

Prayer: Lord, comfort every place of sorrow within me. Restore hope where tears have flowed. Amen.

Dec-29 Tuesday

Readings: 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96:1–4;
Luke 2:22–35

Reflection:
A grandfather teaching his grandson woodworking said, "You can tell good wood by how well it holds together."
John says love is what holds believers together. Simeon recognises Jesus because his heart is aligned with God's love.
Spiritual maturity is measured not by knowledge but by love that holds strong.

Question: How can I love someone today in a way that reflects Christ?

Prayer: Lord, make my heart steady in love so others may see Christ in me. Amen.

Dec-30 Wednesday

Readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–10;
Luke 2:36–40

Reflection:
An elderly volunteer spent decades mentoring youths. When asked why, she smiled, "Because I want to leave behind light, not complaints."

Anna spends her life worshipping, praying, and waiting. Her faith becomes a blessing to the next generation when she declares Jesus to all.

A life given to God becomes a light that keeps shining long after we are gone.

Question: What legacy of faith am I building with my life today?

Prayer: Lord, help me live faithfully so that others may see Your goodness through me. Amen.

Dec-31 Thursday

Readings: Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148 [or 148:7–end]; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:15–21

Reflection:
A family takes a group photo every New Year's Eve to remember how far they've come. Looking back, they always marvel at unexpected mercies that carried them through.
Isaiah rejoices in salvation. Paul reminds us we are adopted as God's children. The shepherds glorify God for all they heard and saw. The year may have held uncertainties, but God's faithfulness remains constant.

Question: Looking back at this year, where do I see God's fingerprints in my story?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness this year. Lead me with Your grace into the new year. Amen.