

AN ADVENT LITURGY

DAY ONE

**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN
UNTO US A CHILD IS GIVEN
HE WILL BE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD
AND YET HE COMES WITH SUCH HUMILITY**

**BORN FOR US SO THAT OUR SINS
MAY BE BORNE FOR US
HOPE FULFILLED
IN A HELPLESS BABE**

**LET US NOT FORGET YOUR PROMISES
LET US NOT FORGET YOUR LOVE
FOR YOU ARE GOOD
YOU ARE FAITHFUL
AND YOUR PROMISES ARE TRUE
AMEN**

DAY TWO

THOUGH DARKNESS MAY SURROUND US
HOPE IS HERE
THOUGH TROUBLES MAY BE EVER-PRESENT
HOPE IS HERE
WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST
HOPE IS HERE
FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

YOUR LIGHT THAT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS
IS SHINING NOW FOR US
YOUR LIGHT THAT STEALS OUR FEAR
IS SHINING NOW FOR US
YOUR LIGHT THAT CANNOT BE OVERCOME
BY DEPRESSION, DISILLUSION OR DESPAIR
IS SHINING NOW FOR US

**LET US TODAY FIX OUR EYES ON YOU:
THE LIGHT THAT BRINGS LIFE
THE LIFE THAT IS OUR LIGHT. AMEN**

DAY THREE

YOU CHOOSE THE LOWLY AND LIFT THEM HIGH YOUR

KINGDOM IS NOT LIKE OURS

YOU TAKE THE INSIGNIFICANT AND LIFT THEM HIGH

YOUR KINGDOM IS NOT LIKE OURS

THE LORD OF ALL LOVES THE LEAST OF US

YOUR KINGDOM IS NOT LIKE OURS

THROUGH A HUMBLE SERVANT GIRL'S OBEDIENCE

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD SHONE FORTH

YOUR KINGDOM IS NOT LIKE OURS

LET US NOT BE AFRAID

LET US NOT BE FEARFUL

FOR YOUR KINGDOM IS ONE OF POWER AND MIGHT

AND LOVE AND GRACE

AND THERE IS NO DARKNESS THERE

YOUR KINGDOM IS NOT LIKE OURS.

AMEN

DAY FOUR

**WHEN YOU SPEAK MAY WE HEAR
WHEN WE HEAR MAY WE OBEY
WHEN WE OBEY MAY WE SEE
THE IMPOSSIBLE**

**O LORD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE
SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD
GRANT US HUMILITY ENOUGH TO HEAR YOU SPEAK
CONFIDENCE ENOUGH TO OBEY YOUR WORDS
AND THE HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE OF SEEING
YOUR KINGDOM OUTWORKED IN OUR LIVES.**

AND MAY THE GLORY BE ALWAYS YOURS.

AMEN

DAY FIVE

OUR GOD IS COMING.
OUR GOD IS HERE!
OUR LORD IS COMING.
OUR LORD IS HERE.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS REVEALED
OUR GOD IS HERE.
WE WILL SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS:
OUR GOD IS HERE.
WE WILL STAND AGAINST ADVERSITY
OUR GOD IS HERE.
WE WILL PROCLAIM IT WITH OUR LIVES THAT
OUR GOD IS HERE.

AND SO, WE CAN DWELL
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD
OUR GOD IS HERE. AMEN

DAY SIX

IN TIMES OF DOUBT
MAY WE REMEMBER
YOU ARE BIGGER THAN OUR DOUBTS
WHEN OUR FAITH FAILS US
MAY WE REMEMBER
YOU ARE GREATER THAN OUR FEARS
YOU, WHOSE HANDS FLUNG STARS INTO
SPACE
AND WHOSE WORD KEEPS THEM IN
PLACE
ARE BIGGER THAN OUR DOUBTS
YOU, WHO PLACE THAT SAME HAND
UPON OUR SHOULDER
TO COMFORT US WHEN WE MOURN,
ARE GREATER THAN OUR FEARS.

YOU, WHOSE EYES BURN
BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN
AND WHOSE BEAUTY IS BEYOND
COMPARE,
ARE BIGGER THAN OUR DOUBTS.
YOU WHOSE LOVE KNOWS NO
BOUNDS
ARE GREATER THAN OUR FEARS.
SO KEEP US TODAY IN YOUR
PRESENCE
KEEP US TODAY IN YOUR ARMS
KEEP US TODAY IN THAT PLACE
WHERE FEAR AND DOUBTING
CEASE
KEEP US TODAY IN YOUR LOVE.
AMEN

DAY SEVEN

GOD IS WITH US.

GOD IS HERE.

AN IMPOSSIBLE BIRTH

AN ASTONISHING MIRACLE

A PROPHECY FULFILLED

GOD IS WITH US

GOD IS HERE.

**A SERVANT HEART
FOR ONE SO YOUNG
HER HONOUR BORE**

YOUR GLORY

GOD IS WITH US.

GOD IS HERE.

IMMANUEL

GOD WITH US.

GOD IS WITH US.

GOD IS HERE.

AMEN



DAY EIGHT

**YOUR PLANS ARE NOT LIKE OUR PLANS
TEACH US TO OBEY
EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTAND
TEACH US TO TRUST
WHEN ALL OUR PLANS ARE FAILING
TEACH US TO BE FAITHFUL
TO YOU AND THE ONES WE LOVE
WE NEED NOT BE AFRAID
FOR YOU ARE WITH US
WE NEED NOT BE AFRAID
FOR YOUR KINGDOM IS WITH US
WE NEED NOT BE AFRAID
FOR YOUR PLANS ARE NOT LIKE OURS
AND YOU ARE IMMEASURABLY GOOD. AMEN**

DAY NINE

**YOUR PROMISES ARE FAITHFUL
YOUR FAITHFULNESS, SECURE
GIVE US FAITH TO TRUST
GIVE US STRENGTH TO BELIEVE**

**FOR WHAT YOU HAVE PROMISED
WILL COME TO PASS
IN THE BIRTH OF YOUR SON
WE SEE YOUR PROMISED SALVATION**

**THE PROMISED KING
DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN'S GLORY
TO THE LOWLIEST PLACE
TO FULFIL A PROMISE
MADE CENTURIES BEFORE**

**GIVE US FAITH TO TRUST
GIVE US STRENGTH TO BELIEVE
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE PROMISED
WILL COME TO PASS AMEN**

DAY TEN

AT THE SOUND OF YOUR GREETING
OUR HEARTS LEAP WITH JOY
AS YOU ENTER THE ROOM
OUR HEARTS LEAP WITH JOY
AS YOUR SPIRIT FILLS US
OUR HEARTS LEAP WITH JOY

IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS FREEDOM.
IN YOUR PRESENCE ALL FEAR IS GONE.
IN YOUR PRESENCE GRACE ABOUNDS.
FOR IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS JOY.

SO GREET US AGAIN, LORD
AND REMAIN IN THIS PLACE
AND AS YOUR SPIRIT FILLS US
OUR HEARTS LEAP WITH JOY. AMEN

DAY ELEVEN

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO BELIEVE WITHOUT HAVING SEEN.

BLESS US AGAIN TODAY.

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD.

BLESS US AGAIN TODAY.

YOUR PROMISES ARE SECURE,
YOUR FAITHFULNESS TRUE.

NO STORM CAN ERODE THIS,
NO EARTHQUAKE SHAKE THIS TRUTH.

WHETHER IN GOOD TIMES OR BAD.

IN SICKNESS OR HEALTH.

IN RICHES OR POVERTY.

WE WILL BELIEVE

AND THE LORD WILL DO WHAT HE HAS SAID

BLESS US AGAIN TODAY. AMEN

DAY TWELVE

YOU KNOW EACH ONE OF US BY NAME
WHETHER RICH OR POOR,
FAMOUS OR COMPLETELY UNKNOWN
YOU TAKE NOTICE OF THE LOFTY AND THE LOWLY
AND YOU KNOW US EACH BY NAME.

THROUGH YOUR BIRTH YOU BLESSED US ALL
AND ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL US BLESSED

THROUGH MARY'S SACRIFICE YOU DID GREAT THINGS
THROUGH JESUS' SACRIFICE, EVEN MORE

FOR YOU ARE MIGHTY, AND HOLY AND
YET PERFECT IN LOVE
AND YOU CONTINUE TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR US.

AMEN

DAY THIRTEEN

A SERVANT GIRL
A HUMBLE KING
A MANGER FOR A BED
UNLIKELY SAVIOUR
UNEXPECTED LORD

THOSE HANDS THAT HELD THE STARS
NOW CLUTCHING BLADES OF GRASS

YOU WERE WEAK BY OUR STANDARDS
YOU WERE FRAGILE IN OUR EYES
AND YET THERE IS NO POWER ON
EARTH THAT IS NOT UNDER YOUR
COMMAND.

AT ONE WORD
THE WINDS AND WAVES CEASE
THEIR VIOLENT RAMPAGE
AT ONE WORD
SICKNESS AND DISEASE GIVE UP
THEIR SILENT SIEGE

AT ONE WORD
DARKNESS FLEES AND HIDES
FROM YOUR LIGHT
AND KINGS ARE BROUGHT DOWN
FROM THEIR THRONES.

UNLIKELY SAVIOUR
UNEXPECTED LORD
MIGHTY KING. AMEN

DAY FOURTEEN

IN TIMES OF NEED
LORD, YOU PROVIDE
IN TIMES OF PLENTY
TEACH US TO DO THE SAME
WHEN WE WRONG YOU
LORD, YOU SHOW MERCY
WHEN WE ARE WRONGED
TEACH US TO DO THE SAME
WHEN YOU MAKE PROMISES
LORD, YOU ARE FAITHFUL
WHEN WE MAKE PROMISES
TEACH US TO BE THE SAME
FOR YOU ARE THE ONE TRUE GOD
PERFECT IN ALL OF YOUR WAYS
THROUGH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
HELP US BECOME MORE LIKE YOU. AMEN

DAY FIFTEEN

**WE PRAISE YOU
LORD OUR GOD
FOR YOU HAVE VISITED
AND REDEEMED US**

**YOU SENT YOUR SON
TO SAVE US
JUST AS YOU PROMISED.
WE NEED NEVER FEAR
FOR YOU HAVE
RESCUED US.**



**YOU ARE THE GOD
OF PROMISES FULFILLED YOU
ARE THE GOD
OF JUSTICE AND SALVATION
YOU ARE THE GOD
OF GRACE AND MERCY
AND YOU MAKE US HOLY
AND RIGHTEOUS**

**SO WE PRAISE YOU,
LORD OUR GOD
FOR YOU REDEEMED US
AND REMAIN WITH US.
AMEN**

DAY SIXTEEN

HELP US PREPARE THE WAY FOR YOU
MAY EVERY STEP WE TAKE
LEAD PEOPLE INTO YOUR PRESENCE
HELP US PREPARE A WAY FOR YOU
MAY EVERY PLACE WE ENTER
BE FILLED WITH YOUR LIGHT
HELP US PREPARE A WAY FOR YOU
MAY THE PEOPLE WE MEET
ENCOUNTER YOUR LOVE AND MERCY
HELP US PREPARE A WAY FOR YOU
MAY HEAVEN BE PRESENT WHEREVER WE GO
MAY WE SHINE LIKE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
MAY WE WALK A PATH OF PEACE
MAY THE FREEDOM WE HAVE
TO STAND IN YOUR LOVE
BE SHARED WITH THE PEOPLE WE MEET. AMEN

DAY SEVENTEEN

YOU USE THE SMALL
TO BLESS THE MANY
YOU USE THE WEAK
TO SAVE THE STRONG
YOU USE THE HUMBLE
TO SHAME THE WISE
AND YOU USE US
TO HELP THE WORLD

AND THOUGH THE ENEMY
MAY TRY
TO TAKE A STAND
SURROUNDING
CONFOUNDING
DESTROYING
WE HAVE A SAVIOUR
PROMISED LONG AGO
WHO WILL NEVER
ABANDON US
AND WHOSE LOVE HAS
ALREADY SAVED US.
AMEN.

DAY EIGHTEEN

AT TIMES OUR ROAD IS HARD
YET YOU ARE WITH US ALL THE WAY
AT TIME OUR ROAD IS LONG
YET YOU ARE WITH US ALL THE WAY
YOU COMFORT US IN OUR DISCOMFORT
YOU ENDURE WHEN WE CANNOT
YOU ARE STRENGTH WHEN OUR STRENGTH FAILS
YOU ARE STRONG WHEN WE ARE NOT
THOUGH THIS ROAD AT TIMES IS BUMPY
AND OUR PATH IS HARD TO SEE
YOU'RE THE LIGHT THAT LIGHTS OUR FOOTSTEPS
YOU'RE OUR GUIDE, OUR HOPE, OUR PEACE.
SO KEEP US ALWAYS ON YOUR FOOTPATH
THOUGH THE ROUTE IS HARD AT TIMES
WE WILL WALK THIS ROAD TOGETHER
WITH YOU AHEAD, BEHIND, BESIDE. AMEN

DAY NINETEEN

TEACH US TO EXPECT YOU
IN UNEXPECTED TIMES
IN TIMES OF REST
OR IN THE DAILY GRIND
**YOUR GOOD NEWS WILL ALWAYS BREAK IN
NOTHING WILL STOP YOUR MESSAGE**

GIVE US COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOUR COMMANDS
AND CONFIDENCE TO SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS

FOR YOUR GOSPEL BRINGS JOY
YOUR GOSPEL BRINGS HEALING
YOUR GOSPEL BRINGS FREEDOM

**TEACH US TO EXPECT YOU
IN UNEXPECTED TIMES**

AMEN

DAY TWENTY

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH
YOU CALLED THE LOWLY TO FOLLOW YOU
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
YOU TURN SADNESS TO JOY AND WARRING TO PEACE
PEACE TO YOUR PEOPLE ON EARTH
YOU ARE PERFECTLY GOOD AND ALWAYS LOVING
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
YOU COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN
PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH
YOU GAVE UP YOUR THRONE FOR POVERTY
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
YOU GAVE UP YOUR LIFE SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE
PEACE TO YOUR PEOPLE ON EARTH
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH. AMEN

DAY TWENTY-ONE

YOU REVEALED YOURSELF FIRST TO THE LEAST
THEN TO THE STRANGER

YOU MOVE IN WAYS WE DO NOT EXPECT

YOU CAME NOT TO A CITY OF SPLENDOUR
BUT TO A HUMBLE VILLAGE, OF FORGOTTEN DESCENT

YOU MOVE IN WAYS WE DON'T EXPECT.

YOU DISTURB THE COMFORTABLE
WHEN YOU WALK IN THE ROOM

YOU MOVE IN WAYS WE DON'T EXPECT.

TODAY WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD REVEAL YOURSELF TO US.

WE ASK YOU TO CONTINUE BEING PRESENT IN THIS PLACE.

WE ASK YOU TO DISTURB OUR COMFORT
AS YOU WALK AMONG US.

AND MOVE AGAIN IN WAYS WE DO NOT EXPECT.

AMEN

DAY TWENTY-TWO

YOU, THE TRUE LIGHT
CAME TO LIVE AMONG US
YOU MADE US THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

YOU, WHO GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE
YOU MADE US THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

TEACH US TO SHINE YOUR LIGHT
TEACH US TO GIVE YOU GLORY
TEACH US TO SHINE WITH YOUR LIGHT
AMEN

DAY TWENTY-THREE

HE HAS REVEALED GOD TO US.
IN OUR DAY TO DAY
MAY WE RECOGNISE YOU
IN THE FACES WE MEET
MAY WE RECOGNISE YOU
WHEREVER WE GO
MAY YOU BE THERE TOO

WHATEVER WE DO
MAY WE ALWAYS ACCEPT YOU
FILL US WITH YOUR UNFAILING LOVE
FILL US WITH YOUR FAITHFULNESS
AND REVEAL YOURSELF TO US.
AMEN

DAY TWENTY-FOUR

YOU CAME THAT WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS
MAY WE NEVER LOSE THE WONDER OF THAT FIRST ENCOUNTER
WHERE OUR LIVES WERE CHANGED IN AN INSTANT
MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE JOY
OF SIMPLY GAZING INTO YOUR EYES
LET OUR LIVES BE LIVING SACRIFICES
WORTHY OF THE KING
FOR YOU CAME AND MADE YOURSELF NOTHING
SO THAT WE COULD HAVE EVERYTHING
YOU GAVE UP HEAVEN
SO THAT I COULD RECEIVE IT
MAY WE NEVER LOSE THE WONDER
OF SIMPLY KNOWING YOU. AMEN

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE
DID NOT COME FOR JUST ONE DAY
HE DID NOT COME FOR GIFTS
OR FEASTS
OR HOLIDAYS
HE DID NOT COME TO EXCHANGE GIFTS
FOR CARDS AND SHOPPING
OR CHRISTMAS CHEER
HE DID NOT COME FOR JUST ONE DAY
TO LIVE,
GROW OLD
THEN PASS AWAY

HE CAME FOREVER
ON THAT DAY
TO BE WITH US NOW
TOMORROW AND ALWAYS.
HE DIDN'T COME
JUST FOR THE RICH,
FOR NOBILITY
OR BEAUTY
OR THOSE WITH "GIFTS"
HE CAME FOR YOU
HE CAME FOR ME
TO LIVE
DIE
LIVE
AND SET US FREE

YOU DID NOT COME FOR JUST ONE DAY YOU ARE
WITH US ALWAYS TO THE END OF THE AGE. AMEN