



Meditations for Advent 2024

The Advent readings for this year are from Cycle C.

WEEK ONE:

The meditations for the first week center on the restoration and blessing of God's people.

Sun 12/1 | Lk. 21:25-36

An opening meditation on being ready for the coming of the Lord.

Mon. 12/2 | Is. 2:1-5

In the latter days Zion / Jerusalem will be the capital of the whole world: the nations will be converted and God's peace established.

Tue. 12/3 | Is. 11:1-10

The anointed king, the Son of God, will put down evil and bring the reign of God.

Wed. 12/4 | Is. 25:6-9:

The life of the age to come will be a feast with the food and drink provided by the anointed king.

Thu. 12/5 | Is. 26:1-6

Those who will receive the kingdom are those who trust in the Lord and do his will.

Fri. 12/6 | Is. 29:17-24

The Lord will deliver people from bondage and from the power of evil.

Sat. 12/7 | Is. 30:19-26

The Lord will send a teacher whose word will show the way and who will give great blessing.

WEEK TWO:

The meditations for the second week focus on the message of John the Baptist about the coming of the kingdom.

Sun. 12/8 | Lk. 3:1-6

The beginning of our redemption comes with the proclamation by John the Baptist of the near fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

Mon. 12/9 | Is. 35:1-10

The Lord will come himself, bring a way of salvation, and enable people to take it.

Tue. 12/10 | Is. 40:1-11

The coming of the Lord, the great king, who will shepherd his people.

Wed. 12/11 | Is. 40:25-31

The Lord will give his people divine power and strength for their salvation.

Thu. 12/12 | Is. 41:13-20

The kingdom will supply life-giving water: this comes through the one John points to, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Fri. 12/13 | Is. 48:17-19

The kingdom and its peace is received through the repentance that brings promised blessing.

Sat. 12/14 | Mal. 4:1-6

Before the salvation of the Lord, a forerunner comes to prepare the people to receive the kingdom.

WEEK THREE:

The meditations for the remainder of Advent consider the promises of God that reach their fulfillment in Christ.

Sun. 12/15 | Lk. 3:10-18

John the Baptist points both to the coming judgment and to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Mon. 12/16 | Num. 24:2-9, 15-19

The prophecy of Balaam about the great king to come who will deliver God's people.

WEEK FOUR:

Tues. 12/17 | Prov. 8:27-31

O Wisdom that proceeds from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end of the earth to another, ordering all things with great power and beauty, come to show us the way of understanding.

Wed. 12/18 | Ex. 3:2, 6; 6:1

O Lord of hosts, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the law on Sinai, come redeem us by your outstretched hand.

Thurs. 12/19 | Is. 11:1, 10

O Root of Jesse, who stands as an ensign to the peoples, before whom kings close their mouths, whom the nations seek, come to deliver us, wait no more.

Fri. 12/20 | Is. 22:21-22

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens, come lead from prison the captives who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Sat. 12/21 | Lk. 1:78-79

O Morning Star, splendor of eternal light and sun of righteousness, come enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Sun. 12/22 | Hag. 2:7

O King of the nations and their desired one, cornerstone that makes both Jew and Gentile one, come save man whom you formed out of dust.

Mon. 12/23 | Is. 7:14

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expected one of the nations and their savior, come to save us, O Lord our God.