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Advent is a time of celebration and preparation that teaches us to focus on the ultimate hope of Jesus coming again by reflecting upon the momentous event that was His first coming (Christmas). We prepare by seeing the great hope of God for all Humanity in the gift of Jesus Christ.

WEEK 1 HOPE

Romans 15:13

We can have HOPE because God is faithful and will keep the promises that He makes to us in His Word, the Bible. Every year at Christmas we can all get caught up in the hype of presents, parties and school vacation. Let Advent be a season of looking to Jesus Christ as the One who has conquered death and sin on the cross.

WEEK 2 PREPARATION

Luke 2:8-11

This time of Preparation does not refer to having sufficient gift cards for your relatives & friends! But rather Advent is a time of Preparation as we look at our hearts. True Christian Preparation is expressed in a joyfulness to love, serve, and obey our Savior and Lord. It is also a time to look forward to when Christ, our Savior, will return.

WEEK 3 JOY

Luke 2:13-14

Joy is trusting God when you want to doubt. Joy is celebrating when you want to fear. Joy is what bubbles up within when we realize what God has done for us. Joy is knowing that Christ has made a way for each of us to know God as our Heavenly Father and enjoy Him forever.

WEEK 4 Love

John 3:16

A gift of love shows the love of the giver. God gave His Son first in the manger, then on the cross. God's gift of love in Jesus to us cannot be earned. God offers it to us. This gift of love is the gift that gives "eternal life".

WEEK 5 Christmas Eve/Day

John 1:29

The white bead on your bracelet reminds us of the perfect love and perfect life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Rejoice this day with family and friends. Live in God's perfect grace (love) and live a life in anticipation of Christ's return.



A D V E N T P R A Y E R S

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.

Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.

Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.

Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.

Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of loving community.

Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.

Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.

Pray for freedom from all that burdens you—past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.

Pray for joy and a sense of humor.

Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.

Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.

Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.

Pray for a passion to pursue justice.