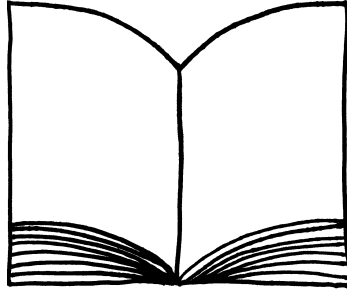
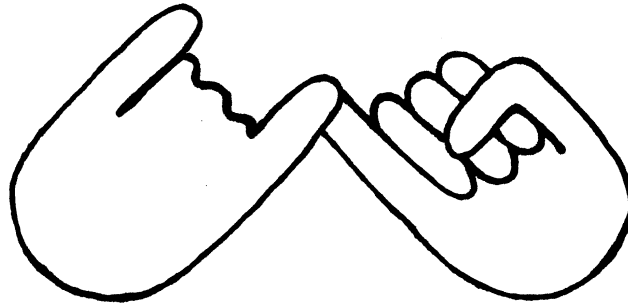


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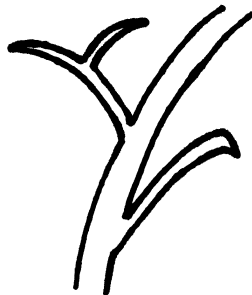


A Promise-Keeping God



... And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6B (NIV)



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Instructions

Each page has some questions and prayer ideas that can help you keep thinking about the Advent Bible Readings.

The first 3 questions are very broad so you can start thinking about the passage and the last 3 questions are more specific so you can start to dig deeper.

There is a timeline at the end of the booklet to plot each of the passages on as you read through them.

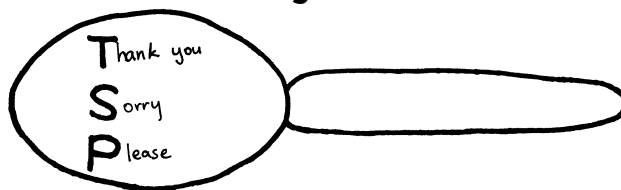
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Below are some pictures to help you with some of the prayer suggestions.

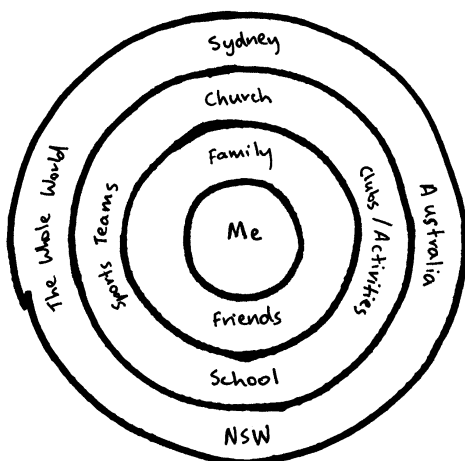
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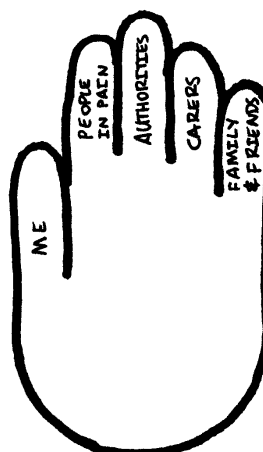
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PRAY Prayer

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November 28

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *Hearts*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Israel?

What promises does God make in this passage?

Why would God want or need to make a new covenant?

Do you think it's important to keep promises you make? Why/why not?

What would it mean to know God (v34) in your prayer life?

Create a couple of paper chain links to write your prayers on and then attach them together and hang them up in your room.

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November 29

Isaiah 40:1-5 *Comfort*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Israel?

What promises does God make in this passage?

Do you feel you can turn to God for comfort?

If a Christian's sin is paid for (like Jerusalem's in v2). how might that change your attitude to your own sinfulness and the Spirit's work to make us more like Jesus?

How can you recognise the awesomeness/magnificence of God as you pray today?

Pray your heart, head and hands will change after reading this passage.

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November 30

Luke 1:5-25
Prepare

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What promises does God make?

Why might it be that an important part of the Christmas story involves a priest?

Are you surprised at the angel's response to Zechariah in v29? Why might the angel respond this way?

How might you be appropriately humble before God when reading his word?

Use PRAY to inspire your prayer today.

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December 1

Luke 1:57-66
Wonder

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

Why do you think the neighbours and others react to John's birth so strongly (v65-66)?

What does it look like to share joy with other believers?

How can you have joy when you face troubles or problems this week?

If you already have a prayer journal write your prayers in it today. If you don't, why not start one?

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December 2

Luke 1:67-80

Saved

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What do you think is the big idea of this passage (for Zechariah as he sings is and for you as you read it)?

What is your attitude to expressing your faith and joy through singing?

How could you take on the joy of Zechariah's song when you sing next at SH?

Use Target Prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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December 3

Mark 1:1-8

Baptise

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What would an attitude of repentance look like for you today?

Why does Mark's gospel of Jesus begin with John the Baptist's work of baptism and calling Israel to repentance?

How could you have humility before the Lord (like John in v7) as you pray today?

Choose a country to pray for using the CMS website <https://www.cms.org.au/nswact/get-involved/pray/>

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December 4

2 Samuel 7:11b-16 *Throne*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What promises does God make?

How does this passage help you to think about what eternity with God means?

Count how many 'I's are in this passage. What does this say about who God is and what he is like?

How will you make sure that God is king over all areas of your life (e.g. king over what music you listen to and what TV you watch)?

Use PRAY to inspire your prayer today.

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December 5

Isaiah 11:1-5
Branch

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What promises does God make?

How could you spend your time and money to reflect a generosity of heart and compassion for those who are struggling?

Do you have the same attitude to the world as v3-4a? Why/why not?

What does this passage say the Spirit does?

Use Hand prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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December 6

Matthew 1:1-17

Generations

What does this passage reveal about God?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What people do you recognise from Jesus' family tree and what place do they have in the Big Story of the Bible?

What are some things you can do when reading a passage like this with lots of names and numbers so you understand it and it helps you grow in your knowledge and love of God?

How could the stories and promises of the Old Testament help encourage you as you pray today?

Pray your heart, head and hands will change after reading this passage.

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December 7

Isaiah 7:14
Immanuel

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What promises does God make?

If God is with you, how could that shape your response to problems, worries and trouble?

Reflect on this promise. Could anyone but God make and keep this promise? Why would he choose the promised, forever king to be born this way?

How can you recognise and give thanks for answered prayers this week?

Find a Bible prayer (the Psalms and the start of NT letters are a good place to look, otherwise ask you Youth Leader or family!) and pray.

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December 8

Luke 1:26-38
King

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

How does Mary feel at the different points of this passage? Why do you think she feels this way?

What is different about Mary's question to the angel from Zechariah's question to the angel from Luke 1:18?

As you make plans and decisions how could you have the same attitude as Mary in v38?

Create more paper chain links to write more prayers on and add them to your prayer chain.

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December 9

Luke 1:39-45
Blessed

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What does this passage remind us about the Christmas story and how we should respond to it?

What does it mean to be blessed by God? Is it the same for us today as for Israel in the Old Testament or Mary and Elizabeth here?

How can you recognise God's blessings to you and give thanks for them?

Use Hand prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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December 10

Luke 1:46-55
Mighty

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What does Mary's song show about how she sees herself and how she sees God?

What is the source of Mary's joy and thankfulness in her song?

What Christian music could you listen to today to help you keep reflecting on this passage?

Use TSP prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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December 11

Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

How do you respond to difficult commands from God and how can Joseph's response to God here help you?

What choices does Joseph have in this passage and why do you think he makes the choice he does?

How could you follow God's commands at home this week?

Use Target prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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December 12

Micah 5:2-4
Bethlehem

What does this passage reveal about God?

What promises does God make?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

How can you remember God's plans are worked out not always how we expect (but always for his glory and for the good of those who love him) as you ask God for things in prayer?

Why was this a message of hope to Israel when Micah was prophesying and why is it a message of hope to Christians today?

Why do you think v4 describes the promised, forever king as a shepherd?

Use PRAY to inspire your prayer today.

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December 13

Luke 2:1-7 *Manger*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What does this passage show about how God works in human history and through people?

What does v7 reveal about the priorities of God?

In your God and Me Time how could you ask God to help you recognise his work in your life and the world?

Write your prayers in your prayer journal. Read back over other prayers you've written, have any of them been answered?

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December 14

Luke 2:8-14

Joy

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

Do you feel Jesus' birth is "good news that will cause great joy for all the people." v10?

Do some research into the place of shepherds in Israelite society and consider why the angels might announce Jesus' birth to shepherds first and what this shows about God? (if you're not sure where to start ask your Your Leader or family!)

How can you give glory to God as you work or do chores this week?

Find a Bible prayer (the Psalms and the start of NT letters are a good place to look, otherwise ask you Youth Leader or family!) and pray.

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December 15

Luke 2:15-21
Praise

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

Why do you think Luke includes both the shepherds' and Mary's reactions to their visit to Jesus?

What would it look like to treasure the gospel in your heart?

How can you be excited (like the shepherds in v15, 17 & 20) to share the good news about Jesus with your friends and family this week?

Use Hand prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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December 16

Matthew 2:1-12

Worship

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

Who does this passage show the true king of Israel is and how does it show this?

What do you think costly worship looks like?

How can you recognise Jesus as the true king of your life in your prayers today?

Use TSP to inspire your prayer today.

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December 17

Luke 2:25-38

Promised

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

How do you think all the people in this passage felt throughout it? Would you feel the same way if you were them?

Do you know anyone like Anna and Simeon? How do they honour God with their words and life and how might you do the same today?

How could you encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to have a thankful heart this week?

Choose one of the Christ Church missionaries to pray for (you could use the Missionary Bulletin from the Christ Church website for prompts)

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December 18

Mark 1:9-15 *Kingdom*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What would it have been like to be part of the crowd standing on the banks of the Jordan and witnessing Jesus' baptism?

Why does this passage include Jesus' confrontation with the devil in the desert just after his baptism and just before he begins his ministry? (see Luke 4:1-13 & Matthew 4:1-11 for the other gospel's accounts of this moment)

If it is good news that the kingdom of God has come near, then how might that shape the way you think about spending time with God at SH, Bible Study/Growth Group and in God and Me Time?

Use Target Prayer to inspire your prayer today.

v12 is a pretty intense story but most important is that Jesus is the boss and loves God even here (see Matthew 4:10-11)! If you have questions you can talk to your parents or your Youth Leaders

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December 19

Psalm 22:1-5
Trusted

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What promises of God is the Psalmist relying on in this prayer/Psalm?

How does the Psalm show us how we might pray when we feel sad, worried or angry?

What does the Psalmist trust?

How could you imitate the Psalmist in your own prayer life?

Find a Bible prayer (the Psalms and the start of NT letters are a good place to look, otherwise ask you Youth Leader or family!) and pray.

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December 20

Mark 15:22-26 & 33-39 *Crucified*

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

How do the different people in this passage respond to Jesus and why might that be helpful as you think about your own experience telling people the gospel?

Summarise everything that happens in this passage. What does each event show about what is happening for the world as Jesus dies on the cross? (for v38 you might like to look at Exodus 39:9 & Leviticus 16:2)

How could this passage help you to give thanks and say sorry to God as you pray today?

Write your prayers in your prayer journal. Read back over other prayers you've written, is there anything you've been committed to praying for?

This passage can be hard to read - it is sad! Talk to your parents or your Youth Leaders if you need to share how you feel. But the amazing thing is that this isn't the end of the story!

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December 21

John 20:1-18

Ascending

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What emotions do you think everyone in this passage was feeling throughout each part of the passage?

Count how many times in John's gospel Jesus tells his disciples he will die and rise again after 3 days. How does v8-9 help explain why the disciples still expected to find Jesus in the tomb?

If Jesus has risen from the dead, how does that affect how you spend your time and what is important to you?

Pray your heart, head and hands will change after reading this passage.

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December 22

John 1:1-18

Light

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about God?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What promise does this passage make about people who believe that Jesus is the son of God who rescues us from sin and death?

How does Colossians 1:15-20 help you to think about John's claims in v1-2 & 10?

If Jesus is the light of the world how might that shape how you share the gospel with your friends and family this week?

Create even more paper chain links to write even more prayers on and add them to your prayer chain.

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December 23

John 3:16-17 *Eternal*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What comfort and challenge does this passage present to Christians?

How does v16 shape the way you think about sacrifice?

These are great verses to remember, what is one other verse (or set of verses) from the Bible you could commit to memorising?

Choose a country to pray for using the open doors website

[https://
www.opendoors.org.au/
persecuted-christians/
world-watch-list/](https://www.opendoors.org.au/persecuted-christians/world-watch-list/)

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December 24

Romans 10:9-13
Believe

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

How does v12 help encourage and challenge us about who the gospel is for?

What part to play do our hearts and mouths have in our belief in Jesus?

How can you put v9 into practice with the words you use today?

Use TSP prayer to inspire your prayer today.

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**As you read
through the
passages plot
them on this
timeline!**

Genesis 1 - God creates the
universe!

Jesus returns!

