

READINGS & PRAYERS

November 30th- December 6th, 2020

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Happy New Year! This week begins the Christian year with the season of Advent. Advent is about *anticipation* or *waiting*. We imagine ourselves as the people of Israel, hoping and longing for the coming Messiah. In Advent we also remember that Jesus' Kingdom is not yet fully come, so we also anticipate Christ's coming again to restore all things, making all things new.

Monday Psalm 83 | Isaiah 1.10-20 | 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 | Luke 20.1-8

Lord our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ your Son. May he find us waiting, eager in joyful prayer.

Tuesday Psalm 84 | Isaiah 1.21-31 | 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12 | Luke 20.9-18

God of mercy and consolation, help us in our weakness and free us from sin. Hear our prayers that we may rejoice at the coming of your Son.

Wednesday Psalm 85 | Isaiah 2.1-4 | 1 Thessalonians 2.13-20 | Luke 20.19-26

Lord our God, grant that we may be ready to receive Christ when he comes in glory and to share in the banquet of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday Psalm 86 | Isaiah 2.5-22 | 1 Thessalonians 3.1-13 | Luke 20.27-40

Father, we need your help. Free us from sin and bring us to life. Support us by your power.

Friday Psalm 87 | Isaiah 3.1-4.1 | 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12 | Luke 20.41 - 21.4

Jesus, our Lord, save us from our sins. Come, protect us from all dangers and lead us to salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday Psalm 88 | Isaiah 4.2-6 | 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 | Luke 21.5-19

God our Father, you loved the world so much you gave your only Son to free us from the ancient power of sin and death. Help us who wait for his coming, and lead us to true liberty. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent Psalm 89 | Isaiah 5.1-7 | 2 Peter 3.11-18 | Luke 7.28-35

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

*These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from *For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church*

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Q13: Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

A: **Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly**, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.