

# Advent OF GRACE

“She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

(Matthew 1:22-23, NLT)

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December 1-7

“Don’t be afraid, Mary,’ the angel told her, ‘for you have found favour with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.’”

(Luke 1:30-31, NLT)

Imagine Mary’s surprise when she was visited by an angel! God’s grace showed up, leading her to something amazing. Like Mary, we’re invited into God’s plans. Sometimes they’re unexpected, but His favour is with us. Embrace His grace today. Trust that He’s got wonderful things ahead.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for greater belonging and opportunities for people with disabilities around the world.
- Pray for people served through host families to experience God’s hope and assurance, building meaningful relationships with their host families.

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December 8 - 14

“Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.””

(Luke 2:13-14, NLT)

What a moment that must have been—angels filling the sky with praise! The same peace they declared is offered to us. When life is overwhelming, remember Jesus’ gift of peace. Today, pause to breathe and let His peace fill your heart.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for Karis’ global partners to share Christ’s peace while creating communities of belonging with people with disabilities worldwide.
- Pray for global disability advocates to be strengthened by Christ’s peace as they foster belonging in their communities.



**3** December 15 - 21

“But the angel reassured them. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!’”

(Luke 2:10-11, NLT)

Good news that changes everything! Jesus has come, bringing joy that is meant for everybody. When we’re tempted to focus on the hard things, let’s turn our eyes to this incredible gift of joy. Celebrate freely, knowing God’s grace is for everybody.

**Prayer Points**

- Pray for people who live in supported living environments to experience Christ’s joy, finding meaningful connections and belonging this Advent.
- Pray for supported living staff to be refreshed by Christ’s joy as they provide care, creativity, and encouragement to residents.



“...his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

**4** December 22 - 28

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

(John 3:16 NLT)

God’s love is extravagant. He didn’t hold back—He gave us Jesus, a gift beyond measure. This love changes us and calls us to share it with others. This Christmas, may you thank Him for such grace and in worship, find ways to pass on His love, knowing it brings life to all who believe.

**Prayer Points**

- Pray for families to feel God’s love as they navigate life’s challenges, strengthening their relationships and sense of belonging.
- Pray for communities to reflect Christ’s love, fostering inclusion and care for people with disabilities and their families.



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