

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a road winding through a forest of evergreen trees. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the air is misty or foggy, creating a serene and quiet atmosphere. The road is dark asphalt with a white dashed line down the center, and it curves gently into the distance. The overall color palette is muted, with various shades of green, white, and grey.

The Prayers Of *Expectancy*

a Rise Collective Advent Bible Reading Plan

RISE COLLECTIVE

The season of Advent is about waiting.

During Advent we spend time intentionally remembering that Jesus was the fulfillment of a long-awaited Messiah. God sent His Son down to earth to dwell among us to save us because he loved us and wanted to be with us. Before Jesus came, the waiting was long and people ached for a Savior.

Now on the other side of Jesus' death and resurrection, we also wait. But this time we wait with the hope of eternal salvation- the day Jesus comes back and makes all things new. Faith and expectation go hand in hand. We all experience waiting in our lives. In this season of Advent, we pray that God's Word and His Spirit would bring you hope and comfort as we look to prayers in scripture that reflect faith and expectancy. Placing our hope in God is believing in all He has promised us that He has done and will do. It's not always easy, but it's worth it.

Prayer leads us to peace in His presence as we trust in Him.
The promises of God are our
anchor in the waiting.

We are so glad you are joining us
as we journey through Advent
together.



How to use this reading plan:

This reading plan is designed for simplicity in structure and depth in prayer. As we read these prayers from God's Word, the hope is that it stirs up the cries in our own hearts to seek the presence of God in the waiting.



Daily Rhythm

Choose a time and a place to spend time alone with Jesus each day during the reading plan. Consistency produces fruit as you carve out time daily to be with the Lord in His Word.

Reflection and Response

You will use the same questions every day to prompt reflection and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in conversation with Him.

Prayer Day

We have set aside Sundays to respond to the reading with specific time dedicated just to prayer on your own.

Questions to consider as you deepen your prayer life:

- ✠ How did I see others cry out to God for their needs? How can I lift my own up to God?
- ✠ How did their prayers affirm who God is? What does it look like to remind myself in prayer of His character and to praise Him in response?
- ✠ How have you seen God move in the past? How does reflecting on his faithfulness to you bring you hope today?

Grace Day

There is no shame or condemnation if you miss a day or so. Please use Saturday Grace Days to catch up on anything you missed in the readings.

Reading Plan

start this plan on the 1st day of Advent, Sunday November 27th

<i>sunday</i>	<i>monday</i>	<i>tuesday</i>	<i>wednesday</i>	<i>thursday</i>	<i>friday</i>	<i>saturday</i>
Week 1						
Prayer day	Habakkuk 1:1-4, Habakkuk 2:1	Habakkuk 3:1-16	Habakkuk 3:17-19	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 61:1-4	Grace Day— catch up on the scripture you missed and spend time in prayer.
Week 2						
Prayer day	1 Samuel 1: 7-18	1 Samuel 1:19-20, 1 Samuel 1:26-28	1 Samuel 2:1-5	1 Samuel 2:6-10	1 Samuel 2:18-21	Grace Day
Week 3						
Prayer day	2 Samuel 7:4-17, Psalm 110:1, Luke 20:41-44	2 Samuel 7:18-22, Psalm 8:3-9	2 Samuel 7:23-24, Deuteronomy 7:6-8	2 Samuel 7:25-29, Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 1:1-6	Hebrews 1:1-14	Grace Day
Week 4						
Prayer day	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-45	Luke 1:46-55, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Genesis 15:1-6	Luke 2:25-35, Isaiah 40:1-5	Luke 2:36-38, Luke 18:1-8	Grace Day

Daily Questions

Spent a few moments clearing your mind of all distractions. Use some space to jot down whatever might be flooding your mind to make room for the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

What words and phrases stood out to you in the passage? Ask God to illuminate why.



What kind of expectancy is exhibited in the passage (if relevant to the reading)? Why is it important to them that God answers?



How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you in the passage? Linger on this question with the Lord.



Is there something that you are waiting on or longing for today? And how can you recognize Jesus as the One who can fulfill all of your longings today?



Spend some time reflecting in prayer to end your time with the Lord.

