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My Little Advent 2012

Advent Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, please help me through this Advent. I want to remember the long waiting for Jesus, and the story of His birth. Help me prepare the gift of my heart for Jesus' Birthday. Amen.

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December 2
1st Sunday of Advent



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9:2a)

Am I preparing my heart for the Light of the World to come?

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December 3
St. Francis Xavier



Dear St. Francis, help me to carry Jesus with me at all times so that others can know and love Him.

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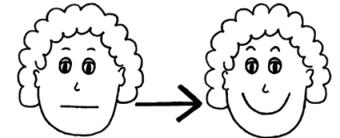
December 4
St. John Damascene



Sing an Advent hymn in honor of this saint who helped write Church music.

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December 5



I will try to be cheerful today, keeping a smile on my face.

Dear Mary, please help me to be cheerful, thinking of the happiness of others instead of mine.

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December 6
St. Nicholas, Bishop



Dear St. Nicholas, patron of children and lover of the poor, help me to always be a good child of God and help others in need.

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December 7
St. Ambrose of Milan



Eat something made with honey in honor of the Honey-Tongued Doctor. St. Ambrose, please help me to always keep my words sweet and kind.

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December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



God created Mary without any sin on her soul right from the beginning of her life.

Dear Mary, help me keep my soul pure as snow like yours.

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December 9
2nd Sunday of Advent



For to us a child is born to us a son is given; ... and His name will be called "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

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December 10



Sing *People Look East* while you help around the house to "trim the hearth and set the table".

Jesus, help me to prepare for you both inside and out, and all my work be done with joy.



**December 11
Pope St. Damasus I**



This pope is the patron of archeologists.

St. Damasus, may my study of the past, especially about the Church, help me know, love, and serve God deeper.



**December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe**



Mary left her image to remind us how much she cares and loves us and helps us to know and love Jesus.
Patroness of the Americas, help me to love your son more.



**December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**



Dear St. Lucy, your name means "light". Your suffering was a light, showing Jesus to others. Help me offer up things today to welcome the Light of the World.



**December 14
St. John of the Cross**



Dear St. John, please help me learn more about my Faith and love God every day more and more.



December 15



Think about the Visitation of Mary to St. Elizabeth.

Dear Mary, help me to be like you in thinking of others first.



**December 16
3rd Sunday of Advent**



Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.
(Isaiah 7:14)

Let us be filled with joy on Gaudete Sunday; Christmas is almost here!



**December 17
O Wisdom (*O Sapientia*)**



O Antiphons are an ancient part of the Liturgy that recall the long wait for the Savior. Each verse of *O Come Emmanuel* is a different "O".

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily, to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



**December 18
O Lord and Ruler
(*O Adonai*)**

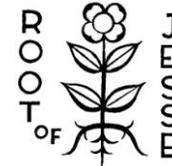


O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty, and awe.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



**December 19
O Root of Jesse
(*O Radix Jesse*)**



O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust Thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



**December 20
O Key of David
(*O Clavis David*)**



O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



December 21
O Rising Dawn
(O Oriens)



O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



December 22
O King of Nations
(O Rex Gentium)



O come, Desire of nations, bind,
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of peace.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



December 23
O Emmanuel
(O Emmanuel)



O Come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



December 24
Christmas Eve



Joseph and Mary arrive in Bethlehem, but there is no room in the inn.

Do I answer the knocks on my heart and make room for Jesus?



December 25
Christmas Day



Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus!

Do I have my gifts ready for Baby Jesus?