

Transforming Lives

Daily Prayer in ADVENT

If practical, you may wish to use a candle, music, or incense to set this time and place apart for prayer. ²⁶

Preparation

Take a moment to be still and become aware of God's presence.
Hold before God all those praying with Transforming Lives today.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Teach us so to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

from Psalm 90

God our refuge and strength, bring near the day
when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Praise

**Sing a song or hymn, play a tape or CD,
or use this canticle, A Song of the Lamb.**

Praise our God, all you his servants,
all who fear him, both small and great.
The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
For the marriage of the Lamb has come
and his bride has made herself ready.
Blessed are those who are invited
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

from Revelation 19



To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Bible Reading

You could use the Common Worship daily lectionary, or some other scheme of readings.

Prayers

Begin with the Transforming Lives Prayer:

God of every time and place,
you hold each moment and shape each day;
by the gentleness of your Spirit
transform us,
with the gifts of your Spirit
equip us,
in the boldness of your Spirit
send us out,
to serve you and transform the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Other prayers, include the following areas:

- The world (including local concerns)
- The Church (including the local church)
- Those in need (including those known personally)

Finish with The Lord's Prayer.

Conclusion

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us, with the whole creation, to your glory,
hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise be to God, whose kingdom comes nearer each day!
Amen.