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## Journeying through Advent

## This Advent why not make use of our calendar to guide you on your journey? It’s perfect for personal reflection and some of the daily suggestions may be helpful ideas for Branch or group meetings.

## We have also included a blank template should you wish to create a calendar using your own ideas and prayer points; or a mixture of both.

## Some ways in which you could use this calendar:

## You could create a calendar based on your link dioceses and other specific

## Mothers’ Union concerns and initiatives.

## You could make the focus for the calendar prayers and ideas for

## young families to engage with.

**Make this Advent a meaningful journey by shaping the calendar to your needs.**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| December 01 Give thanks that the hope of Christ shines as light in the darkness | 02 Ask God to give you hope and expectation for your Advent journey | 03 Reflect on how the events of this year may affect your attitude to the season | 04 Consider your “to do” list this Advent. Is there scope to simplify in any way? | 05 Thank God that as we journey to the new-born Christ our risen Lord accompanies us | 06 Choose a Bible verse about the nativity and use it as an inspiration for prayer | 07 Pray for those whose difficult lives are more heard to bear in this season of good cheer |
| 08 Give thanks for our Prince of Peace, and for our call to be peace-makers in the world | 09 Pray for the message of Christmas to be heard amidst the season’s commercialisation | 10 Thank God for Mary’s obedience. Is there something you sense God is asking of you? | 11 Pray for areas of the world where there will be no peace this Christmas | 12 Choose a favourite carol and use it as an inspiration for prayer | 13 How would you explain the meaning of the nativity to someone who had never heard? | 14Pray for refugees spending Christmas away from home and family |
| 15 Give thanks that the love of Christ brings forgiveness and new mercies every day | 16 As you write cards or send email greetings pray God’s blessing for the recipients | 17Read an account of the nativity in a different Bible version for a fresh insight | 18 On your Advent journey pray for all who are seeking Christ for the first time | 19 As you taste a seasonal treat give thanks for Christ who came as the bread of life | 20 Think of a good memory from a past Christmas and thank God for it | 21 Pray for families who struggle to provide necessities and treats for their family |
| 22   Reflect on what may lie ahead in the coming year. Be honest with God about your hopes and concerns | 23 Pray for the bereaved and families who will be apart or in conflict this Christmas | 24 Pray for the homeless that they will find shelter during this season | 25 Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let earth receive her King! |  |  |  |



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