## nativity[1]

## Journeying through Advent

## This Advent why not use our calendar as an aid for the journey?

## As well as for your personal use 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.

## 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.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| December 01Give thanks that the hope of Christ shines as light in the darkness  |  02Ask God to give you hope and expectation for your Advent journey |  03Reflect on how the events of this year may affect your attitude to the season | 04Consider your “to do” list this Advent. Is there scope to simplify in any way? | 05Thank God that as we journey to the new-born Christ our risen Lord accompanies us  | 06Choose a Bible verse about the nativity and use it as an inspiration for prayer | 07Pray 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 | 09Pray for the message of Christmas to be heard amidst the season’s commercialisation | 10Thank God for Mary’s obedience. Is there something you sense God is asking of you? | 11Pray for areas of the world where there will be no peace this Christmas | 12Choose 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 | 16As 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  | 18On 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  | 21Pray 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 | 23Pray for the bereaved and families who will be apart or in conflict this Christmas | 24Pray for the homeless that they will find shelter during this season | 25Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let earth receive her King! |  |  |  |



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