

PRAY EVERY DAY December 5, 2021 Resource

Morning Prayer "Zechariah's Song" for Advent

Pray Luke 1:68-79, Zechariah's Song, in the morning, even as the first words you say.

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2021 Challenge (Genesis to Revelation)

December 6: 2 Corinthians 10 – 13

December 10: Ephesians 4 – 6

December 7: Galatians 1 – 3

December 11: Philippians 1 – 4

December 8: Galatians 4 – 6

December 12: Colossians 1 – 4

December 9: Ephesians 1 – 3

Small Group or personal study

- Read Malachi 3:1-4
- "Malachi" means "my messenger" in Hebrew. When translated into Greek, Malachi reads "my angel" which also means "my messenger." Malachi was a prophet who brought the message of God's news to people in his day. In the stories of Jesus' birth in Matthew and Luke both the Angel of the Lord and the angel Gabriel brought messages to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph. John the Baptist brought the message for people to prepare the way for Jesus. What people have brought you the message of God? Who has shared faith with you?
 - Malachi and John the Baptist brought messages from God that confronted people with their sin and called them to return to God. John the Baptist said, "repent of your sins and bear fruits of repentance." Malachi also confronted people with their sins with this message from God, "return to God and God will return to you." Who are the Christians in your life who love you enough to confront you? What sins do you need to repent or rid yourself of to prepare for Jesus?
 - Malachi gave the images of fullers' soap and a refiner's fire for the Lord when he would come. Remember that silver does not refine itself and neither do garments cleanse themselves. The work of purifying and cleansing is God's work. Part of drawing near to God is trusting God to do the purifying and cleansing work we cannot do. In Malachi's day, a fuller or refiner would do their work closeup and personal. Will you ask Jesus to do the cleansing and refining work in you? Will you trust God to do the saving work?

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord's Prayer

Evening Prayer "The Magnificat" for Advent

Pray Luke 1:47-55, Mary's Song or The Magnificat, in the evening as a time of looking back on what God has already done and what God will do.

Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

Bedtime Prayer "Simeon's Song" for Advent

Pray Luke 2:29-32, Simeon's Song, before you go to sleep each day, maybe even as your last words you say.