

Advent Season 2017

A prayer and scriptural guide to celebrating Christ together

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Week 1 of 5 – Nov. 26-Dec. 2, Theme: Bondage and Darkness

Sunday:

Scripture: Psalm 88 & Isaiah 9:1-7

Prayers:

“**A**LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*¹”

“**O** GOD, the King eternal, who divides the day from the darkness, and turns the shadow of death into the morning; drive far off from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep Your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done Your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give You thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*²”

Monday-Tuesday:

Scripture: 1 John 2:7-11

Prayer:

“**M**ERCIFUL Lord, we ask You to cast Your bright beams of light upon Your Church, that it, being lit up by the doctrine of Your Apostle and Evangelist John, may so walk in the light of Your truth, that it

may show it possesses life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*³”

Wednesday-Thursday:

Scripture: John 12:27-50

Prayer:

“**T**HROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; who, in in taking on Himself our mortal flesh, revealed His glory that He might bring us out of darkness into His own glorious light – through Him we pray.⁴ Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift up and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and saying, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory: Glory be to You, O Lord Most High! *Amen.*⁵”

Friday-Saturday:

Scripture: Romans 1:18-32

Prayer:

“**A**LMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech You to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*⁶”

¹*The Book of Common Prayer* (p. 90). New York: The Seabury Press. (1976)

² *ibid* (p. 594).

³ *ibid* (p. 101).

⁴ *ibid* (p. 77).

⁵ *ibid* (p. 79).

⁶ *ibid* (pp. 49–50).