



## Advent Scripture Prayers

### *Family Handout*

Use these prayers as you celebrate the Advent season with your family and friends.

### **The Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

Both prayers can be found in  
*Catholic Prayer for Catholic Families*.  
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### The "O" Antiphons

#### DECEMBER 17

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

#### DECEMBER 18

O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

#### DECEMBER 19

O flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

#### DECEMBER 20

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

#### DECEMBER 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

#### DECEMBER 22

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

#### DECEMBER 23

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

*Christian Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours.*  
Trans. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). New York: Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1976.

