



The countdown is on, and the hurry has begun.
There are decorations to be displayed, meals to plan and cook,
and gifts to be bought and wrapped and placed under the tree.

In the midst of the holiday hustle and bustle,
we often find that we've forgotten or simply squeezed
out any room for the real meaning of Christmas.

This Advent season, let's pray together that our hearts
and minds would be drawn to **the Greatest Gift**, Jesus, and
that through daily Scripture reading and intentional focus on the
gifts Jesus gives us, we will **know Him and make Him known.**

Date	Gift	Scripture	Think & Respond
Nov 28	The gift of hope	1 Peter 1:3-4a	When we hope for something, we expect it to happen. What hope do we have in Jesus?
Nov 29	The gift of life	John 14:6	When we choose to follow Jesus, He gives us life here on earth and promises us eternal life. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
Nov 30	The gift of fulfilled promises	2 Corinthians 1:20	Jesus fulfilled all the promises God made to us. What are some of those promises?
Dec 1	The gift of forgiveness	Romans 5:8	God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sins so that we could be forgiven. What does forgiveness mean to you?
Dec 2	The gift of an example	John 13:15	God gave us Jesus to show us how we should act, love, and treat others. How can you like Jesus to others?
Dec 3	The gift of sanctification	2 Corinthians 5:17	Loving Jesus changes us on the inside and the outside. How has loving Jesus changed you?
Dec 4	The gift of an eternal home	John 14:2-3	When Jesus saved us, He gave us the gift of life and a place to live forever. What are you looking forward to in Heaven?
Dec 5	The gift of joy	John 15:11	Some days we are happy, and some we are not, but we can have joy every day. How is the joy that Jesus gives us different from feelings of happiness?
Dec 6	The gift of adoption into the family of God	John 1:12-13	Each of us has an earthly and a heavenly family. What part do you play in the family of God?
Dec 7	The gift of purpose	Matthew 28:18-20a	Jesus came to earth to show us and teach us about God so that we could know Him. The most important thing we can do every day is help others know Jesus. How do you show and tell others about Him?
Dec 8	The gift of Christian community	Romans 12:5	Jesus gave us the gift of Christian community so we can help and encourage one another in our faith, and so we can work together to love and serve others. How is your church family a gift to you? How can you be a gift to them?

Dec 9	The gift of understanding	1 Corinthians 2:16	Jesus helps us to know and understand God's Word and how we should live our lives. Think about some things that are hard for you to understand. In what ways do you wish you could think more like Jesus?
Dec 10	The gift of righteousness	1 John 1:9	Our sin is like an ugly stain on us. We can't erase it or hide it, but Jesus can. What sin are you thankful Jesus has covered for you?
Dec 11	The gift of victory over sin and death	Romans 8:37	The toughest battle we face is the battle of temptation and sin. We can't win this battle without Jesus. What temptations do you need Jesus's help to overcome?
Dec 12	The gift of peace	John 14:27	Often our circumstances cause us to feel worried or anxious. How does Jesus give you peace?
Dec 13	The gift of presence	Matthew 28:20b	Sometimes we feel alone, but Jesus is always with us even though we can't see Him. How can we know Jesus is there?
Dec 14	The gift of access to God	Hebrews 4:16	Because God is holy and we are sinful, there is no way we could have a relationship with Him without Jesus. How can you build a strong relationship with God?
Dec 15	The gift of protection	Hebrews 13:6	Sometimes life is hard and scary. Jesus is our help and protection. Can you think of a time Jesus helped or protected you?
Dec 16	The gift of carrying our burdens	Matthew 11:28	Sometimes we feel weighed down by our circumstances, our failures, our responsibilities, etc., but Jesus offers to carry our burdens for us. What burdens would you like Jesus to carry for you?
Dec 17	The gift of the Holy Spirit	John 14:26	When we receive the gift of Jesus in our hearts, we also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us and remind us of everything Jesus taught us. How could the Holy Spirit help you?
Dec 18	The gift of truth	John 8:31b-32	Jesus came to teach us the truth that we are all sinners in need of a Savior. What other truths did Jesus teach us?
Dec 19	The gift of love	John 15:9	No matter what you do, Jesus still loves you. How can you love others like Jesus loves you?
Dec 20	The gift of mercy	John 3:17	God showed us mercy through Jesus by not giving us the consequences we deserved for our sin. If God had not given us mercy, what would that mean for us?
Dec 21	The gift of grace	Ephesians 2:8-9	Grace is a gift we don't deserve and cannot earn no matter how hard we try. God gives us grace through Jesus. How can we give grace to others?
Dec 22	The gift of friendship	John 15:13-15	Jesus is the best friend you will ever have. He willingly died on the cross to save you! What are some other ways Jesus is a friend to you?
Dec 23	The gift of prayer	1 John 5:14-15	Prayer means we can talk to God at any time no matter where we are. What things are important for you to talk to God about?
Dec 24	The gift of salvation	John 3:16	The greatest gift Jesus gives us is the gift of salvation. What does the gift of salvation mean for you?