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## Dear Friend,

It's that time of year when we often gather together to celebrate and share special moments of the season. It's also a time of anticipation and waiting. Waiting for Christmas Day and the coming of Jesus to our world.

In John 10:10\* Jesus says, **"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."**

What a Saviour! What a promise! The kind of life Jesus offers to each of us is full of hope, peace, joy and love. We look forward to spending a few quiet moments with you this Advent season as we reflect on these themes together.

Gather with us daily, weekly or even just occasionally over the next few weeks to celebrate the gift of Scripture. Experience moments of calm and connection as we wait for Jesus. Stay a little longer to ponder a reflection question or share hope, peace, joy and love with others.



Waiting with you,

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\*All Scripture is NIV unless otherwise noted

# hope



First Sunday  
of Advent

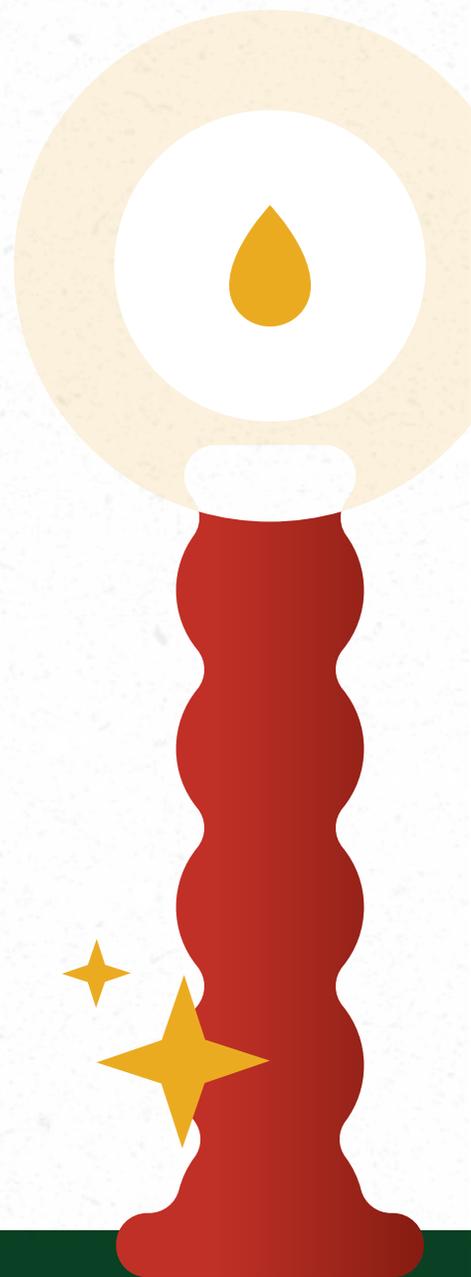
Hope can turn circumstances around, make something positive out of a negative and reveal the silver linings within the darkest clouds in our lives.

So it is with Jesus. He came and lived among us and offered the world the ultimate hope. His words offer the hope that can transform all lives.

Spend a few moments with us this week, reading through Scripture and witnessing its power. We want to bless your heart with renewed hope this Advent season.

### **Let's pray together:**

Giver of Hope, we pause and open our hearts to the gift of hope you offer so freely. We look to you to guide our days this Advent season. May we remember You often amidst the busyness. In Jesus' name, Amen.



### **Ponder this week:**

What do you hope for this Advent season?

Do you know someone who could use a reminder of hope right now?  
Why not forward this to them—hope is even better when shared.



*hope* ✦ **Sunday, November 30**

**Verse**

... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.  
- Isaiah 40:31

**Reflect**

Hope brings renewal and strength when we find it in the Lord. Imagine soaring, walking and running in ways that never tire us. On our own, we become weary and tired, but the hope of Jesus will renew our strength.

How does hope make you feel? What image comes to mind for you? Consider drawing or writing out how you experience hope, or want to experience hope.

✦ **Monday, December 1**

**Verse**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. - Romans 15:4

**Reflect**

It's interesting that in this verse, endurance and encouragement come before hope. What does this tell you about how you can foster hope in your life?

Name one tangible way you will cultivate hope with those around you this week.



*hope* ✦ **Tuesday, December 2**

**Verse**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

**Reflect**

Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? What do you think God’s priorities are for you in this month of Advent?

Ask God to reveal to you the ways in which He is working in your life right now. Take five minutes to simply listen before responding in prayer.

✦ **Wednesday, December 3**

**Verse**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.  
- Romans 12:12

**Reflect**

Hope brings something deeper than happiness to our lives—it brings joy, the constant assurance that God loves us and has a “full” life in mind for us (John 10:10). No matter what afflictions you may face, He can help you find your hope in Him.

Which virtue would you particularly like to cultivate—joy, patience or faithfulness? What is one way you can implement that virtue in your life today?



*hope* ✦ **Thursday, December 4**

**Verse**

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me. - Micah 7:7

**Reflect**

You know that feeling of watching or listening for a response from someone you love? When we experience the anticipated connection it can bring such joy to our hearts! The wait is always worth it when we wait on the Lord.

What are you waiting for in this season? Name it and hand it over to God.

✦ **Friday, December 5**

**Verse**

Yet hope returns when I remember this one thing:  
The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue,  
Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.  
The Lord is all I have, and so in him I put my hope.  
- Lamentations 3:21-24 (GNT)

**Reflect**

Gatherings and celebrations can sometimes leave us with difficult feelings. Remember, the Lord offers ever-present, unfailing love and mercy.

What helps you return to hope? Write down or name three things you are grateful for, that give you hope in your life.

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**Verse**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. - Hebrews 11:1

**Reflect**

This verse reveals how essential hope is to faith. Where do you get your confidence? What gives you assurance?

Have the above verses given you hope? Do you have another favourite Bible verse that gives you hope or encouragement? [Share it with us](#). We'll highlight a few of them in future Wycliffe Canada publications!



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Thank you for joining us in waiting and focusing on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this Advent season.

Our hope is that your gatherings and celebrations during the past weeks showed you glimpses of the “full life” Jesus offers to each one of us.

Did you find some quiet moments amidst the busyness?

Was your heart calmed and refreshed by spending a few moments with this devotional?

We’d love to hear from you at [intercede@wycliffe.ca](mailto:intercede@wycliffe.ca).

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