



# Growing FAITH at home

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B

ADVENT IS A TIME TO BE ALERT FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST



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## CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What does it mean to be alert?
2. What does Advent mean to you?



## BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

**Isaiah 64:1-9**  
A communal prayer for help

2nd reading

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**  
God is faithful

Gospel reading

**Mark 13:24-37**  
The day and hour unknown

## DISCUSS

Jesus said, "My words will never pass away" (Mark 13:31). What words or stories of Jesus are especially important to you?



## ACTION RESPONSE

Part of Christian waiting for Christ's coming again is to care for others with loving service. Purchase non-perishable grocery items to donate to a local food bank. Pray for the people who will receive the food.



## PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for your love that reaches out to us through Christ our Saviour. Give us joy and gladness as we wait for his coming again. Amen.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our Saviour we watch, and we wait. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the God of grace and peace and the Lord Jesus Christ keep you strong in your faith until Jesus comes again.

BEWARE, KEEP ALERT; FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME.

MARK 13:33

VERSE OF THE WEEK