

Beginning the Journey



Today we begin our advent journey. Lord, in this season of waiting and preparation, help us to slow down and truly see those around us in our neighborhoods, those in our world. Fill us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. May your peace rule in our lives, and may we be bearers of peace to others. Amen.

(Adapted from Colossians 3 and Ministry Matters)

Children



Lord, today we pray for children around the world. May they know Your love for them. We pray for their safety and for provision of basic needs. May they have opportunities, support, and encouragement to achieve their potential. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to the children in our own neighborhoods and around the world. Amen.

(Ministry Matters)

The Persecuted Church



Lord, today we intercede for the 245 million Christians in the world who experience high levels of persecution because of their commitment to following You. We pray that these believers would find joy in the midst of their trials, encourage one another, and remain confident in their faith. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to others. Amen.

(Open Doors USA; Ministry Matters)

Disaster Relief



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In addition to the Global Pandemic, throughout 2020 our world has experienced many other emergencies and disasters—conflict, cyclones, drought, earthquakes, famine, fires, floods, hurricanes, mudslides, tornados, tsunamis, war. Today we pray for the victims of these tragedies and those assisting with the relief efforts. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to others. Amen. (Ministry Matters)

Hospital Ministry



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Worldwide The Salvation Army runs 30 hospitals, 132 general clinics, and dozens of other medical programs for almost 1.6 million patients. Lord, today we pray for the health and healing of patients in the Salvation Army medical facilities. We pray for wisdom and compassion for the medical personnel. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to others. Amen. (The Salvation Army Yearbook 2020, Ministry Matters)

Those Who Are In Prison



Annually Salvation Army personnel visit 150,000 inmates in prisons around the world. Lord, today we pray for those who are incarcerated. May they have an understanding of Your deep love for them. We also pray for the faithful visitors who are spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in prisons. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to others. Amen. (The Salvation Army Yearbook 2020, Ministry Matters)

Teachers



Today we pray for the 18,632 teachers who educate students in Salvation Army schools around the world. Give them strength and wisdom as they educate the next generation. May the teachers continually seek Jesus as their own Teacher and Lord. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to others. Amen. (The Salvation Army Yearbook 2020, Ministry Matters)

Caribbean Territory



Lord, today we pray for the corps officers, local officers, and soldiers in the Caribbean Territory, one of our Partners in Mission. May our friends in the Caribbean Territory experience Immanuel, God with us, the presence of Jesus right in the midst of the world. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen. (Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)

Congo Brazzaville Territory



Today we pray for our Partner in Mission the Congo Brazzaville Territory. We pray for officers and soldiers as they meet practical needs and minister to central African refugees. May our friends in the Congo Brazzaville Territory experience Immanuel, God with us, the presence of Jesus right in the midst of the world. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)

India South Eastern Territory



Lord, we pray for our Partner in Mission the India South Eastern Territory. We pray that the Gospel would continue to spread in India, overcoming the obstacles of poverty, cultural differences, illiteracy, and a rigid class system. May our friends in India experience Immanuel, God with us, the presence of Jesus right in the midst of the world. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)

Kenya East Territory



Lord, today we pray for the corps officers, local officers, and soldiers in the Kenya East Territory, one of our Partners in Mission. We pray for those whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by COVID-19. May our friends in Kenya experience Immanuel, God with us, the presence of Jesus right in the midst of the world. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)

Sri Lanka Territory



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Lord, today we pray for our Partner in Mission, the Sri Lanka Territory. May You continue to guide and direct the officers, soldiers, and local officers as they worship, minister, and develop strategic plans. May our friends in Sri Lanka experience Immanuel, God with us, the presence of Jesus right in the midst of the world. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)

United States of America



Today we pray for our nation, the United States of America. We pray for our government, our churches, and our schools. Lord, help us to be generous, loving, compassionate, and merciful. We pray for unity in our country. May we experience Immanuel, God with us, the presence of Jesus right in the midst of the world. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen. *(Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)*

Those Who Have Been Forcibly Displaced



Almost 80 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to persecution, armed conflict, disasters, or other reasons. Lord, for refugees and displaced people, we pray that their basic needs would be met, that their minds and bodies would be healed from the trauma they have suffered, and that they would know Your presence. You are our hope, You are our Redeemer, and You are our Savior. Amen.

(UNHCR/18 June 2020; Awaiting the Already Advent Worship Series)

The Carr Family



Today we pray for Majors Jeff & Valerie Carr and their sons Bramwell, Jonas, and Ethan. The Carr family has been serving in Jamaica since August 2020. May the Carr family experience joy, hope, and peace as they serve the Lord together.

Lt. Colonels Davisson



Today we pray for Lt. Colonels Philip and Sheila Davisson who have been serving in the Spain and Portugal Command since January 2018. May the Davissons have strength, wisdom, and the joy of the Lord as they provide leadership for The Salvation Army's work in two countries!

Colonel Diaz



Today we pray for Colonel Evie Diaz who has been serving at International Headquarters in the United Kingdom since October 2016. May she experience joy, hope, and peace as she serves the Lord, and may she be an encouragement to others.

The Ezeh Family



Today we pray for Majors Felix & Violet Ezeh and their son Matthew. The Ezeh family has been serving in Sint Maarten since 2019. May they experience joy, hope, and peace as they serve the Lord, and may they be an encouragement to others.

Commissioners Heatwole



Today we pray for Commissioners Dawn and Merle Heatwole who have been serving as the territorial leaders of the Latin America North Territory since November 2020. May they experience joy, hope, and peace as they serve the Lord, and may they be an encouragement to others.

Majors Keobounhom



Today we pray for Majors Betty & Bruce Keobounhom who have been serving in Thailand since March 2019. May they experience joy, hope, and peace as they serve the Lord, and may they be an encouragement to others.

Captains Zambrano



Today we pray for Captains Luis & Raisi Zambrano who have been serving in Spain since January 2019. May they experience joy, hope, and peace as they serve the Lord, and may they be an encouragement to others.

Access to Safe Water



Today we pray for the 1 in 3 people globally who do not have access to safe sanitation systems. We pray for those whose health is negatively impacted by circumstances of poor sanitation. We pray for the children who spend their days collecting water for their families rather than attending school. Lord, may your light shine through the obstructions, giving a hope that will not fade, a peace that will not be understood, and a love that will not let go. Amen.

(Global WASH, Awaiting the Already pp. 73-74)

Developing Meaningful Work



Today we pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are in need of meaningful work and income. We pray that business ventures would be successful and that a brighter future would be realized through the opportunity of work. Lord, may your light shine through the darkness, giving a hope that will not fade, a peace that will not be understood, and a love that will not let go. Amen. *(Awaiting the Already pp. 73-74)*

Victims of Trafficking



Lord, today we pause to remember the known and unknown victims of human trafficking. We pray for their freedom and deliverance. You know their names. You see their hearts. You observe their circumstances. May your light shine through the darkness, giving a hope that will not fade, a peace that will not be understood, and a love that will not let go. Amen.

(International Social Justice Commission Anti-Human Trafficking Devotional Guide, Awaiting the Already pp. 73-74)

Government



Lord, today we pray for the national leaders and governments around the world. Grant them wisdom, grace, and compassion. May these leaders be filled with integrity. In places where corruption exists in governments and systems, may your light shine through the darkness. Thank you for offering us a hope that will not fade, a peace that will not be understood, and a love that will not let go. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already pp. 73-74)

Those Living in Spiritual Darkness



Lord, today we pray for those in spiritual darkness, those living a life apart from You. We pray that your love and light would break through the obstacles of fear, shame, guilt, pain, bitterness, and sin to bring redemption. May your light shine through the darkness, giving a hope that will not fade, a peace that will not be understood, and a love that will not let go. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already pp. 73-74)

Jesus Christ Is Born



Today we celebrate Christmas, a promise fulfilled through the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Lord, we thank you for what you have done in the past, and what you will do in the future. As our Advent journey draws to a close, grant us fitness of mind, disciplined behavior, and a passionate spirit to worship you in every present moment. Amen.

(Awaiting the Already, p. 96)