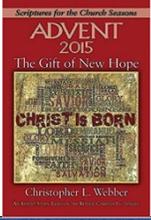
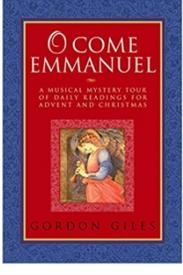
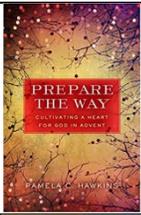
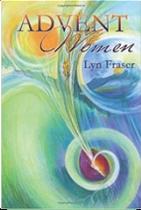
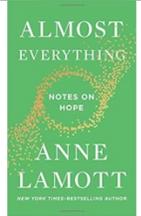
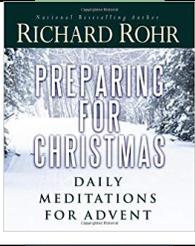
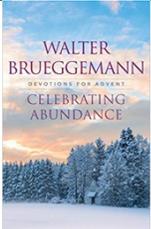


Resources and Ideas for a Holy Advent

<p>Advent: The Gift of New Hope by Christopher Webber Using the lectionary for the 4 Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day, Webber offers an opportunity for individual or group Bible study. The chapters are short, focus on interpretation of the readings and include questions for reflection. 5 chapters 92 pages \$9.99</p>	
<p>O Come Emmanuel by Gordon Giles Giles is an Anglican priest and musician. This little book offers daily meditations from Advent through Christmas to Epiphany. For each day there are lyrics from a hymn or other musical selection, a reflection and a prayer. A good choice for individual devotions during the season, especially for musicians. Some questions for each week included so it could also be used for discussion in a group. 37 days 165 pages \$10.95 on Amazon</p>	
<p>Prepare the Way by Pamela C. Hawkins A chapter for each week of Advent including daily devotions with poems, reflections and journaling opportunities. A different theme each week: peace, justice, fearlessness, and faithfulness. Includes a leader's guide for using it as a small group study. 4 chapters 107 pages \$12.99 on Amazon</p>	
<p>Advent Women by Lyn Fraser This little book offers biblical narrative and reflections on women we have met in scripture. Divided into 4 sections: "In the Beginning," "The Risk-Takers," "The Bold Ones," and "The Incarnation," there are questions useful for personal reflection or group discussion. 4 chapters 71 pages \$10.95 on Amazon</p>	
<p>Almost Everything: Notes on Hope by Anne Lamott Not specifically about Advent, this is Anne Lamott's most recent book and focuses on the Advent theme of hope. If you've never read Lamott, you're in for a treat – she is earthy, human, funny and faithful. For a book group or just lovely time with a wise woman. 13 chapters 192 pages \$12.00 on Amazon</p>	
<p>Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent by Richard Rohr, O.F.M. Richard Rohr is a contemplative, teacher, and passionate advocate for the socially marginalized. In this little book he offers scripture, reflections and a question to ponder for each day in Advent. Perfect for the busy person who wants a short daily meditation. 30 days 93 pages \$9.99</p>	
<p>Celebrating Abundance by Walter Brueggemann Daily meditations by a biblical scholar who has opened up scripture for millions over years of teaching and writing. A special section at the end of the book includes 12 days of Christmas prayers written by Brueggemann, one of the greatest prayer writers of our time. 30 days 95 pages \$12.05 on Amazon</p>	

Other Ideas

#AdventWord is the world's first crowd-sourced global Advent Calendar. The idea is simple: each day of Advent will have a word, such as Awaken or Trust. Participants are asked to pray over that word, and then respond with an image on Facebook or Twitter or Instagram. #AdventWord even encourages people to pray through their smartphones every day of Advent. #AdventWord was established by the Society of Saint the Evangelist (SSJE) in 2014 in partnership with the Office of the Anglican Communion. In 2017, Virginia Theological Seminary joined as a production partner. How To Participate:

- Sign up at <https://www.adventword.org/> to receive the word of the day by email every morning in Advent. The email will include a beautiful image and short meditation to inspire you.
- Pray on that word. For example, if the word is Trust, ask God to increase your capacity to trust in God's power.
- Take a picture during the day that connects to that word.
- Post your picture online to add it to the "Global Advent Calendar." Use #AdventWord, plus *#the word of the day*. The best part of AdventWord is that people around the world can see your response image.

Tips for Posting Your #AdventWord Images

Be sure to use hashtags!

The first hashtag should always be #adventword.

The second hashtag will be the word of the day, such as #trust.

Twitter

As long as your Twitter account is public, the adventword.org website will find your tweet and add it to the global Advent calendar.

Instagram

As long as your IG account is public, the adventword.org website will "see" your image and add it to the global Advent calendar.

Facebook

Facebook has different privacy settings. If your posts are restricted to Facebook friends (or friends of friends), the adventword.org website will not "see" your post, even if it has the #adventword tag.

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### **Daily Advent Prayers**

Download the free app "Prayers for Lent and Advent" on your phone or iPad. Offers a special prayer for each day of Advent.

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Musical Advent Calendar

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