

# EarthConnection's ADVENT CALENDAR

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Advent is a time to wait, listen, and ponder the awesome wonder of God who sent his only Son to live among us.	Take a nature walk and appreciate the wonders of Creation.	Remember what a gift water is; it is life. Find one way to conserve water today.	Clean out closets and donate good used items to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Salvation Army, etc.	Celebrate St. Nicholas Day by doing a secret act of kindness for someone.	Buy alternative gifts: <a href="http://www.heifer.org">www.heifer.org</a> <a href="http://www.tenthousandvillages.org">www.tenthousandvillages.org</a> <a href="http://gifts.crs.org">http://gifts.crs.org</a> <a href="http://www.serrv.org">www.serrv.org</a>	Volunteer to serve a meal at a homeless shelter.
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“Advent: The time to listen for footsteps- you can’t hear footsteps when you’re running yourself.” -Bill McKibben	Pray for the victims of Hurricane Florence.	Bake Christmas cookies and share with residents of a retirement center.	Live this day convinced of your oneness with all of Creation. Ponder how you might share this vision with others.	Do some research and learn how another country celebrates Christmas. Pray for the people of that country.	Learn something about microfinancing and see how a small donation can change someone’s life. <a href="http://www.microfinancingafrica.org">www.microfinancingafrica.org</a>	Make a pinecone bird feeder with peanut butter and seeds.
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“Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is enough room for Jesus.” -Neal A. Maxwell	Fill a shoebox with toiletries and donate to a local shelter.	Make homemade Christmas cards for family and friends.	Gather with neighbors to sing Christmas carols together throughout the neighborhood.	Pray for the people of California who are suffering the devastating effects of wildfires.	Pray Psalm 150:6 – “Let everything that breathes praise God.” Reflect on your experience of the community of life and how you support it.	Make a Christmas wreath using natural materials from your yard.
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<p><b>WARNING!</b> <i>“Be on the alert for symptoms of inner <b>HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.</b> The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.” - Anonymous</i></p>			
“Were Christ to be born in a thousand stables, it would be of no avail were He not born in our hearts.” -Meister Eckhart	Reflect on the gifts with which God has blessed you this year and how you have shared them with others.	<b>CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS</b>				

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