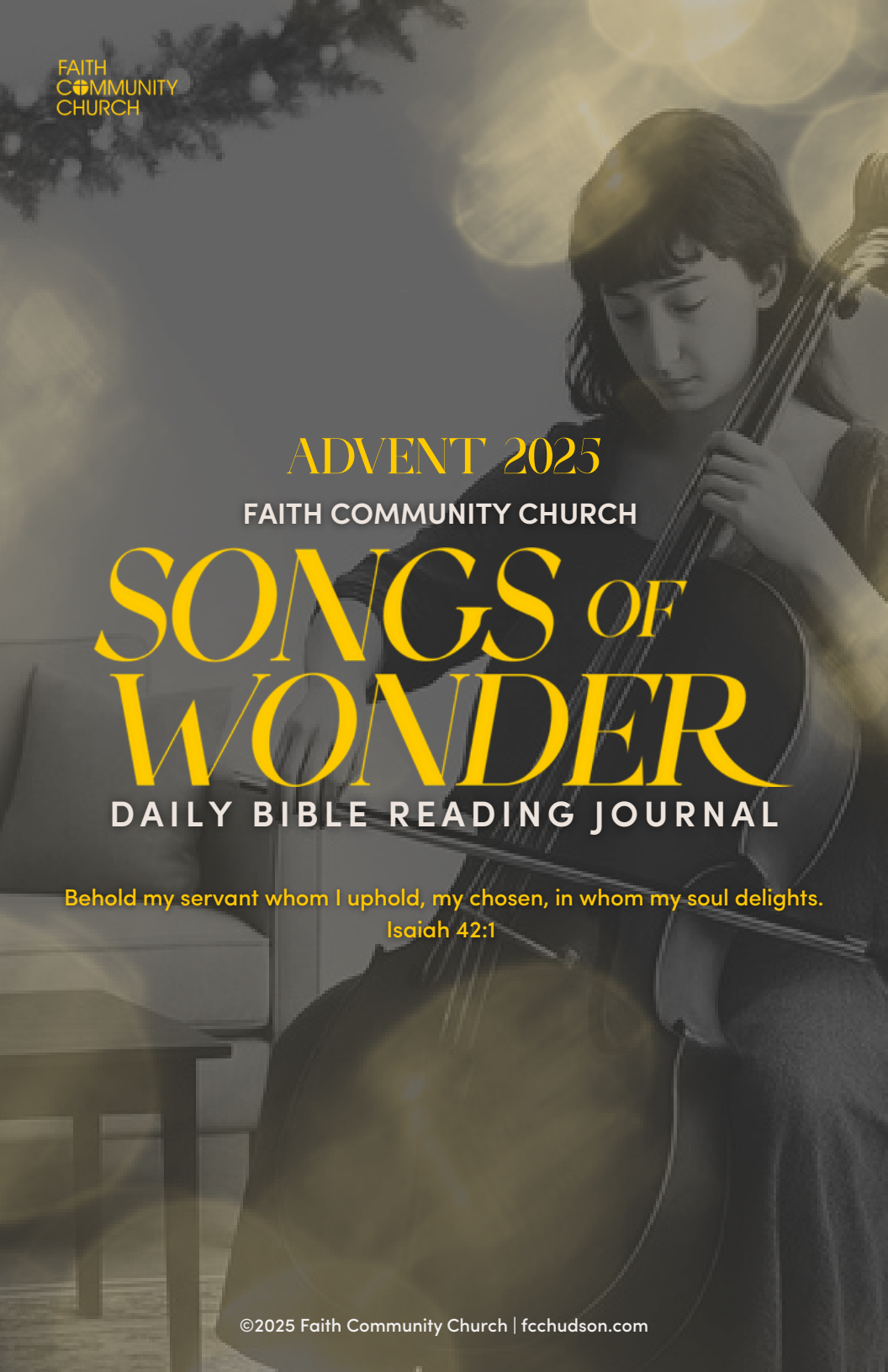




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DAILY BIBLE READING JOURNAL

Behold my servant whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Isaiah 42:1

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THIS GUIDE BELONGS TO:

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you are holding this reading guide in your hands. We hope that it will be an encouragement to you this Advent season.

During Advent, we are going to do something unique. On Sunday mornings in our worship gatherings, we are going to read through the Servant Songs of Isaiah. Then during the week, if you use this reading guide, you will read through portions of the Gospel of Luke. Why?

Advent is a season of waiting and longing, and the Servant Songs of Isaiah meet us there with profound beauty and hope. These poems, written seven centuries before the birth of Christ, introduce us to the Servant of the Lord—a King who will bring justice, healing, and restoration; yet he does so quietly and with humility; through suffering to ultimate victory.

That Servant of course, turns out to be the Lord Jesus. It is astonishing to read through the Servant Songs and then to read about the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. They are truly “Songs of Wonder.” In the Servant Songs of Isaiah, we are allowed a window into the heart and mind of Jesus that we don’t get anywhere else in scripture. Throughout Advent, we will see how Jesus fulfills every word promised about the Servant, demonstrating God’s faithfulness to His promises.

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INTRODUCING SOAP

Whether you've read the Bible for years or this is your very first time opening it up for yourself, this journal is designed to help you meet with God personally in his word. To help you do that, we're using a simple and proven approach called SOAP. It's an easy-to-follow guide to help you slow down, listen, and interact personally with God in his Word. Here's how it works:

S – SCRIPTURE

Write out a short verse, phrase or theme that stands out to you in your reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today. Writing it down helps you slow down and focus.

O – OBSERVATION

What observations can you make about the passage? This could be notes about the people in the passage, places, or what happens. It's also helpful to write down questions about anything that's initially confusing or that you don't understand. Then you can reflect on, explore, or examine those questions more deeply. If you aren't sure what to write, here are a few questions that are always helpful to ask when you're reading the Bible:

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions, and glory?
- What is God doing in this passage?
- What am I learning about myself and humanity? What are we like apart from God's grace?
- Who are we as a result of what God has done in Jesus? What is true about me now?

A – APPLICATION

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need from God to respond in faith today?

P – PRAYER

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for His help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

Don't worry about getting it perfect —just show up each day, read and respond to God. You don't have to be a Bible expert. Just let God meet you here.



HOW THIS READING PLAN WORKS

If this is the first time that you've tried to read the Bible on a regular basis, this is our challenge: set aside 20 minutes every day. Find a place where you can:

- Sit down and not be disturbed.
- Put your phone and smart watch in another room.
- Have a Bible, your SOAP Journal and pen in hand.

Ideally, this is at a time in the day when you're reasonably "fresh" and awake. Get that first cup of coffee going, but don't open your newsfeed or phone yet. Let this be the first thing on your agenda. If your kids are old enough to understand, let them know that you need 20 minutes to spend time with the Lord and that this is important to you. This is a great opportunity to set an example that may encourage their own love for God's word.

We've created this journal with a daily (Monday-Saturday) reading. On Sundays, there will be a note page for the Sunday sermon. If you miss a day, don't sweat it. Don't worry about "catching up." This isn't a homework assignment or something to check off your to-do list. Meeting with God in his word is a gift - it's about a daily encounter with God. If you miss a day (or ten!), just pick up the reading for that day.

You'll notice that on Sundays, there's no reading plan - just a page for taking notes during the sermon.

During the week, on Monday – Saturday there will be a reading from the Gospel of Luke. In these readings, you'll get to watch as Jesus fulfills the promise of the Servant that we read about that Sunday.

Finally, the best way to get the most out of this experience is to be sure you have a chance to talk with a friend about it every week. This is typically the difference between people who "make it" and stick with a reading plan, and those who don't. If you're in a Missional Community or small group, bring your SOAP Journals and compare notes. If you're not, find a friend today, set a weekly meeting time, and agree to get together during this reading challenge. You won't regret it.

A NOTE ON THE SERVANT SONGS OF ISAIAH

The prophet Isaiah lived in Jerusalem about 700 years before the birth of Jesus. It seems that he was a priest who was sent by God during a time of crisis for God's people. He called Israel to trust in the Lord rather than in political alliances or idols, warning them of disaster if things did not change. Isaiah's book is filled with both warnings of judgment and breathtaking promises of hope. Among his most beautiful writings are the Servant Songs (Isaiah 42:1–9; 49:1–7; 50:4–11; 52:13–53:12). These poems introduce us to the “Servant of the LORD” – a figure that Isaiah promised would bring justice, healing, and salvation – not through power and force, but through humility, obedience and suffering. Christians have long recognized that Isaiah's Servant points us to Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah.

TIPS FOR READING THE SERVANT SONGS

1. **Slow Down:** These are poems, not reports. Read them carefully, even aloud, and notice the rhythm and imagery.
2. **Look for Contrasts:** The Servant is described as both exalted and rejected, powerful and yet suffering. Let these tensions deepen your reflection.
3. **Notice God's Voice:** Pay attention when God speaks about the Servant (“Behold my Servant...”). What do these words reveal about the Father's heart? Notice that sometimes the Servant speaks. What does it reveal about the Servant's heart?

4. Ask Heart Questions: As you read, ask: What does this reveal about Jesus? How does it change how I see him? How does it speak into my own life?

The prophets are among the most difficult literature in the Bible to understand. They are filled with references to people and places that we have no context for today. To help you get started, the Bible Project has created an excellent introduction to Isaiah. It would be well worth a watch:

Isaiah 1-39



Isaiah 40-66



A NOTE ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The Gospel of Luke is one of four accounts of the life of Jesus in the New Testament. Written by Luke, a physician and careful historian, it presents Jesus as the Savior of all people. Luke was a companion of the Apostle Paul, and he tells us at the start of his Gospel that he carefully investigated everything from the beginning so that his readers could have certainty about what they believe (Luke 1:1–4). His Gospel is rich with detail, compassion, and an emphasis on prayer, the Holy Spirit, and God’s heart for outsiders, the poor, and the broken. It’s also our best source for reading about the Christmas story.

During Advent, as we read through Luke, we’ll see how Jesus fulfills the promises spoken in Isaiah’s Servant Songs, bringing light and salvation into the world.

Luke 1–9



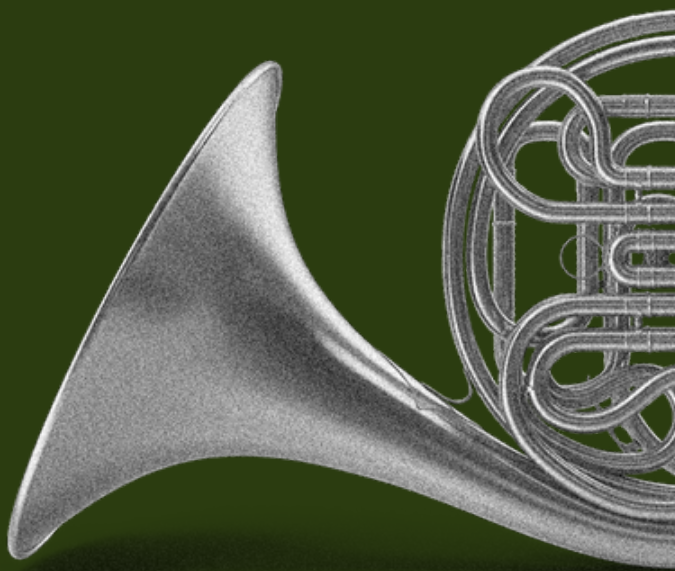
Luke 10–24



TIPS FOR READING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

1. **Read Slowly and Thoughtfully:** Luke gives details (names, places, emotions) that help you picture the scene. Let your imagination engage with the story.
2. **Notice the People:** Watch how Jesus welcomes the poor, women, children, and outsiders. Luke shows us the wide embrace of God’s kingdom.

3. **Pay Attention to Prayer and the Spirit:** Luke highlights moments of prayer and the Spirit's work. Ask what this reveals about Jesus' relationship with the Father.
4. **Look for Fulfillment:** Keep Isaiah's Servant Songs in mind. How does Jesus embody the Servant as he heals, teaches, and ultimately suffers and triumphs?
5. **Make it Personal:** Each story invites a response. What is God showing me here? Where am I being called to trust, obey, rejoice, or repent?





WEEK 1

WONDER FOR THE HURTING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 42:1-9

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement, or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 1

DAY 1

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see Jesus more clearly? Amen.

READ: LUKE 2:8-20 – THE SHEPHERDS

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 1

DAY 2

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see Jesus more clearly? Amen.

READ: LUKE 5:12-16 – A LEPER

S:

O:

A:

P:

WEEK 1

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see Jesus more clearly? Amen.

READ: LUKE 6:17-26 – THE BEATITUDES

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 1

DAY 4

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see Jesus more clearly? Amen.

READ: LUKE 7:36-50 – A SINFUL WOMAN FORGIVEN

S:

O:

A:

P:

WEEK 1

DAY 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see Jesus more clearly? Amen.

READ: LUKE 8:26-33- THE DEMONIAK

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 1

DAY 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see Jesus more clearly? Amen.

READ: LUKE 8:40-56 – A SICK WOMAN AND A LITTLE GIRL

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 2

WONDER FOR THE WEARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025



SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 49:1-7

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement, or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 2

DAY 1

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus was the fulfillment of so many hopes? Amen.

READ: LUKE 1:5-25 - ZECHARIAH

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 2

DAY 2

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus was the fulfillment of so many hopes? Amen.

READ: LUKE 1:26-38 - MARY

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 2

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus was the fulfillment of so many hopes? Amen.

READ: LUKE 1:39-56 – MARY'S SONG

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 2

DAY 4

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus was the fulfillment of so many hopes? Amen.

READ: LUKE 1:57-66 - ELIZABETH

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 2

DAY 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus was the fulfillment of so many hopes? Amen.

READ: LUKE 1:67-80 – ZECHARIAH'S SONG

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 2

DAY 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus was the fulfillment of so many hopes? Amen.

READ: LUKE 2:1-7 - JESUS

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 3

WONDER IN THE DARKNESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025



SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 50:4-11

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement, or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 3

DAY 1

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus brought life and hope to people very far from you? Amen.

READ: LUKE 7:1-10 – THE CENTURION

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 3

DAY 2

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus brought life and hope to people very far from you? Amen.

READ: LUKE 7:11-17 – THE WIDOW OF NAIN

S:

O:

A:

P:

WEEK 3

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus brought life and hope to people very far from you? Amen.

READ: LUKE 10:25-37 – THE GOOD SAMARITAN

S:

O:

A:

P:

WEEK 3

DAY 4

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus brought life and hope to people very far from you? Amen.

READ: LUKE 15:11-32 – THE PRODIGAL

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 3

DAY 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus brought life and hope to people very far from you? Amen.

READ: LUKE 17:11-19 – THE SAMARITAN LEPER

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 3

DAY 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see how Jesus brought life and hope to people very far from you? Amen.

READ: LUKE 19:1-10 - ZACCHAEUS

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 4

BEHOLD MY SERVANT!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025



SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement, or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 4

DAY 1

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see the Victorious Servant and all that he is doing for me? Amen.

READ: LUKE 22:39-62 – GRIEF, BETRAYAL, DENIAL

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 4

DAY 2

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see the Victorious Servant and all that he is doing for me? Amen.

READ: LUKE 23:26-56 – CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 4

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 9:1-7

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:



REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement, or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 4

DAY 4

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see the Victorious Servant and all that he is doing for me? Amen.

READ: LUKE 24:1-12

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 4

DAY 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see the Victorious Servant and all that he is doing for me? Amen.

READ: LUKE 24:13-35

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

WEEK 4

DAY 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

PRAY

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read today, would you help me to see the Victorious Servant and all that he is doing for me? Amen.

READ: LUKE 24:36-53

S: _____

O: _____

A: _____

P: _____

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O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.**

NOTES



A series of 20 horizontal lines for writing notes, arranged in a single column.



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US!

We are excited to offer our daily reading journals as a way for people (like you!) to connect with God through the daily reading of Scripture.

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