



ADVENT REFLECTION 2022

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Christian Compassion For A Hurting World

Welcome to the International Aid Trust
Advent Reflection for 2022.

This year, which has been challenging in so
many ways, we are focusing on the words;
“LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS”

Taken from Chapter 1 verse 5 of John’s
Gospel.

Some days there is a Bible verse to help us
reflect on how Jesus brings light into a dark
world.

Some days there are areas of our ministry
to give thanks and pray for, as we think
about how Jesus brings light today through
His people.

We pray that this pack will bring
encouragement and hope in Jesus, the
Light of the World, this advent season.

In this pack are:

- 1) the calendar of prayer points for each day.
- 2) the picture background and letters to colour or decorate each day.

How to use this reflection:

- Create your background: Either join the 2 A4 pages together and colour or paint the background: sky, stars, ground, stable and figures. Or create a background on dark blue card.
- For each day there is a letter to colour in or decorate and if you’ve made a separate background, to stick down.
- For each day / letter there is a Bible verse and thought to reflect on or an area of our work to give thanks and pray for.
- Use your imagination! How you colour / paint / decorate is up to you!
- Please adapt and use this resource as it works for you – it can be done alone, with a child or as a family day by day; or as a group who meet weekly praying for those 7 areas at one meeting, or with a larger group at 1 meeting.
- The image is designed to fill an A3 sheet, but you can photocopy it larger to create a bigger finished picture.



Here is an example of how to colour the words and background, but it's great if you want to use your own creative interpretation! You could use felt pens / pastels / collage or other materials.

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John 1 verse 1 – 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

We'd love to see your scenes! You can email photos to julie@internationalaidtrust.org.uk

Or tag us if you share your scene on social media:

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December Daily Reflection and Prayer

1) L: Leaders

Give thanks for our CEO and Founder Bernard, all our Trustees and managers in the UK and country directors overseas. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance for them all in the areas that they lead.



2) I: Involved

Give thanks for everyone who is involved in working or volunteering the charity in the UK and across the world. Please pray that they are blessed as they are a blessing to others.

3) G: Giving

Give thanks for everyone who gives financially to support International Aid Trust, and for everyone who donates practical aid, especially for the wonderful response to the Ukraine appeal this year. Pray for God's provision of everything that is needed to support people affected by the war.

4) H: Him

John 1 v.1-3 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.' Take time to reflect on who Jesus is, God the Son, with the Father before the creation of the world.

5) T: Truck Loading

This year we have sent nearly 40 trucks of aid to Ukraine and neighbouring countries supporting refugees, give thanks for everyone who has helped to make this possible. Please pray for continued safe transit and for all items to bless the people who receive them.



6) S: Shoeboxes

Give thanks for everyone who fills shoeboxes, and for those who co-ordinate their group, church or school's part in the shoebox scheme. Please pray that each shoebox will bring joy and light to the person who receives it.

7) H: Help

Give thanks that our teams in Ukraine, led by director Pastor Pasha are continuing to deliver aid to people whose lives have been devastated by the war, in many different areas of the country. Please pray for aid to reach everyone who needs it, for safe travels, energy and encouragement for the team as they continue to serve.

8) I: In Jesus

We thank God our teams in Ukraine are offering the people they support hope of eternal life in Jesus; Pastor Ruslan is ministering to soldiers injured on the Kherson front, passing on the medical supplies and mobility aids you have kindly donated. Ruslan says; "Of course, the main thing is the hope in Christ that we share"



9)N: Need

We thank God for the resilience of the Ukrainian people in the face of devastation. As they face freezing temperatures this winter with a lack of heat or running water in many places, please pray for God's good provision and for services to be restored.

10) E: Encouragement

Give thanks for the encouragement of revival in areas of Ukraine such as Mikaliaov, as Christians share the Gospel and provide care and practical support, people are turning to Christ. Please pray for new believers to grow in faith and know God's presence and provision in every situation.

11) S: Shine John 1v 4 -5

'In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' Take time today to reflect on this truth and pray for Jesus' light to shine into the dark areas of our world.

12) I: India

Give thanks for Bishop Kota, our Director in India and all the Pastors who travel to villages to share the gospel with people who otherwise wouldn't hear about Jesus. Please pray for protection from persecution and for villagers to accept Jesus.

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13) N: New Pastors

Give thanks for the recent graduates of Living Word Theological College in India, for their commitment to sharing the Gospel and planting churches. Please pray for God to keep growing their trust in Him in the difficult situations they face.

14) T: Tailoring

Give thanks for the Hands of Dorcas Tailoring training that takes place in India. Pray that the skills the women are learning would help them to provide for their families and also bring dignity and hope for the future.

15) H: Hope

Give thanks for Living Hope School in India providing a good education in a caring Christian environment. Please pray for all the staff to know God's help in their work, and for the children to come to know and love Jesus for themselves.

16) E: Eastern Europe (1)

Give thanks for all the churches and organisations in countries bordering Ukraine, supporting large numbers of refugees as well as vulnerable local people. Pray especially for Pastor Victor and team in Moldova, serving very poor rural villages.

17) D: Daily Bread

Give thanks for the initiatives at New Hope church in Sierra Leone to grow vegetables, rice and casava. Please pray for success in this and for people in Sierra Leone, who are struggling to eat a meal more than a couple of times a week with rapidly rising food costs.



18) A: All; John 1 v 9 -12

'The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world... and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him... Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.' Reflect on the truth that Jesus has made a way for all who believe to become children of God.



19) R: Reaching Out

Give thanks for Pastors Michael and Alice and the evangelists from New Hope Church in Sierra Leone who travel to villages to share the gospel. Please pray that they will see more and more people giving their lives to Jesus.

20) K: Knowledge

Give thanks for New Hope School in Sierra Leone, and also the first year class of secondary school: New Hope Academy. Children are enjoying learning, their free school lunch and getting to know Jesus. Please pray for the building work taking place for the secondary school.



21) N: Nurses

Give thanks for our Midwife Marion and Nurse Rebecca in Sierra Leone, travelling to villages and supporting people with illnesses and injuries and new and expectant mums. Pray for wisdom in treating patients, safe deliveries and healthy mums and babies.

22) E: Eastern Europe (2)

We give thanks for Prison Fellowship Romania, supporting prisoners and their families, vulnerable Roma communities and also Ukrainian refugees. Please pray for their 'Angel Network' delivering gifts at this time.

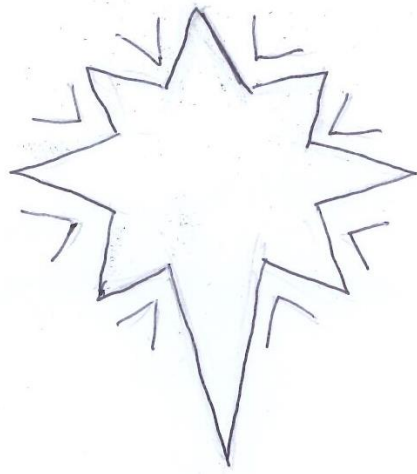
23) S: Supporters

We thank God for everyone who supports the work of International Aid Trust in any way, we are especially thankful for everyone who prays, we are only able to do this work through God's help, leading and guidance. Please pray for continued commitment to prayer!

24) S: Saviour: John 1 v 14

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' Take time to reflect on the glory of Jesus Christ, light of the world.

Blessings from all at International Aid Trust this Christmas



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