

Ideas for Living Joyfully: Forty Days of Celtic Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Practice Grace.</b>  <b>No need to do them all or every day.</b>  <b>Let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart!</b></p>		<p><b>November 15</b></p> <p>How is God preparing you for Christ's birth?</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Spend time with a favorite image of art.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Make a small or tasty something and give it away.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Give thanks for one thing you enjoy in your work.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Look at your favorite photos, share them and tell stories.</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Say Hi to a person standing on the fringes.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Take a loved one on a walk, outside or down memory lane, or both.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>CS Lewis Day</b>                      Go on a nature walk and look for God's creatures.  <i>Aslan Lives!!</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Make a meal for someone in need or visit someone who is lonely.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>List what you are thankful for, tell God, tell each other.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Give someone a long hug.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Write a gratitude note to a family member or friend.</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Welcome a new person at church</p> <p><i>Liturgical Advent Begins</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Notice the really small things in life, like bugs or dust bunnies (resist the urge to sweep!).</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Play a game from childhood or with a little person in your life.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Read stories to loved ones.</p>	<p><b>December 1</b></p> <p>Sing some favorite songs, with others if you can.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Take a walk and enjoy the Christmas lights.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Call a friend &amp; tell them one thing you love about them.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Kneel down when you greet &amp; talk to a child.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Smile at a stranger and enjoy their smile!</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Take a friend to tea.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Look out the window for 5 minutes &amp; notice life.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Color a picture for a child in your life.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Send a loved one on a treasure hunt today. Plant clues &amp; giggle a lot.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Say Hi to people behind the shop counters. Wish them a good day.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Gaudete Sunday</b>                      Read Mary's Song: Luke 1:46-55                      Light a pink candle for <b>JOY</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Light candles for whatever place or situation breaks your heart and pray for God's joy.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Notice the eye-color of people close to you and <i>marvel at beauty.</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Read a story out loud, read a story to your friend, child, parent, or spouse.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Share some favorite music with loved ones.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Get out some colored pencils and crayons and color.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>The "O" Antiphons Wisdom (Isa 11:2-3)</b>                      Who gives you wise counsel? Thank them.</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Lord (Isa 33:22)</b>                      Ask God how he wants to be the Lord of your life. Listen.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Key of David (Rev. 3:7)</b>                      What door of your life do you need God to open &amp; bring grace?</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Root of Jesse (Isa 11:10)</b>                      Write memories of God's faithfulness on paper ornaments &amp; hang them on the tree.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Morning Star (Isa 9:2)</b>                      At dawn, pray for God's light to shine in a place or situation breaking your heart.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>King of Nations (Isa 9:6)</b>                      Listen to <i>For Unto us a Child is Born</i>. What does it mean for Christ to come again?</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Emmanuel (Isa 7:14)</b>                      How is God with you? How are you God's presence to others?</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve</b>                      Where have you experienced God's Joy this Advent? Sing <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>.</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>The Birth of Jesus Christ</b>                      Feast today with those you love, adopt someone who needs a family or let yourself be adopted.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>The Twelve Days of Christmas</b></p> <p>Gen 1:3                      Look for God's Light in the world each Day.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Feast of the Holy Innocents</b></p> <p>Ps 119:105                      Pray for children today.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>John 1:1-5</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Rev 12:10-12</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Isa 58:10</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Ps 43:3</p>
<p><b>January 1, 2017</b></p> <p>Matt 5:14-16</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>John 8:12</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Isa 60:19                      1 Peter 2:9</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Ps 139:11-12</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Ps 19:8</p>	<p><b>January 6</b>  <b>Epiphany</b>  <i>Christ's revealing</i> - Luke 4:1-21                      Bless the entry by chalking on the door 20+C+M+B+17, which is the year and <i>Christus Mansionem Benedicat</i>, Christ Bless this House! CMB also stands for the three wise kings: Caspar, Melchior &amp; Balthasar.</p>	