

Reverse Advent Calendar

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Prayer

Holy God,

you sent your messengers and angels

to prepare human hearts

for the coming of your Son.

Help us to prepare for Jesus' birth

by opening our hearts and hands

to our neighbors with a generous spirit.

Amen.



Each day of Advent, add a food item to a box, and read a scripture passage.

Between Christmas Eve and Jan. 6th, bring the items to church. They will be donated to The Salvation Army to help restock the pantry of "My Brother's Table."

(shopping list on back page)

Dec. 1

box of cereal

Psalm 81:1-4,16

- ¹ Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- ² Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.
- ³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.
- ⁴ For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁶ I would feed you with the finest of the
wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would
satisfy you.”

Dec. 2

jar of peanut butter

Isaiah 7:14-15

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Dec. 3

stuffing mix

John 6:31-35

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Dec. 4

box of potatoes

Psalm 146:5-7

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

Dec. 5

mac & cheese

Matthew 18:2-5

² Jesus called a child, whom he put among them, ³ and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Dec. 6

can of fruit

Galatians 5:22-25

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Dec. 7

can of tomatoes

Genesis 1:11-13

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Dec. 8

can of tuna

Matthew 4:18-20

¹⁸ As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Dec. 9
box of
dessert mix

Psalm 119:103-105

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get
understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Dec. 10

jar of applesauce

Psalm 17:7-8

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Dec. 11
can of
sweet potatoes

Ezekiel 3:1-3

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

Dec. 12

can of cranberry sauce

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Dec. 13

can of beans

Acts 10:9-15

⁹ About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” ¹⁵ The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”

Dec. 14

box of crackers

Mark 9:49-50

⁴⁹ “For everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Dec. 15

package of rice

Matthew 6:9-14

⁹ “Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Dec. 16

package of oatmeal

Luke 22:19-20

¹⁹ Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Dec. 17

package of pasta

Matthew 14:19-21

¹⁹ Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Dec. 18

jar of spaghetti sauce

Proverbs 16:16-17

¹⁶ Better is a little with the fear of the LORD
than great treasure and trouble with it.

¹⁷ Better is a dinner of vegetables where love
is than a fatted ox and hatred with it.

Dec. 19
can of
chicken noodle soup

Psalm 52:8-9

⁸ But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.

⁹ I will thank you forever,
because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful

I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Dec. 20

can of tomato soup

Acts 2:46-47

⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Dec. 21

can of corn

Matthew 6:29-31

²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

Dec. 22

***can of mixed
vegetables***

John 21:15-17

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

Dec. 23

can of carrots

Luke 1:39-42

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Dec. 24
can of
green beans

Matthew 25:35

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Shopping List

- box of cereal
- jar of peanut butter
- package of stuffing mix
- box of potatoes
- mac & cheese
- can of fruit
- can of tomatoes
- can of tuna
- box of dessert mix
- jar of applesauce
- can of sweet potatoes
- can of cranberry sauce
- can of beans
- box of crackers
- package of rice
- package of oatmeal
- package of pasta
- jar of spaghetti sauce
- can of chicken noodle soup
- can of tomato soup
- can of corn
- can of mixed vegetables
- can of carrots
- can of green beans