

Saturday, Week 4: Mark 13:33

“Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” (NRSV)

1. It is Christmas Eve. For four weeks, we have been anticipating the arrival of Christmas. We know that tomorrow, God willing, it is coming. Take a few moments to quiet your heart and mind, and to savour the peace that only Christ can give.

2. As one who follows the Prince of Peace, how can you be a peacemaker in your family, in your church and in your world throughout the year ahead?

3. Even as we celebrate the first coming of Jesus, we look ahead to the hope of his second coming. Resolve to live your life in the year ahead in an attitude of vigilant expectation.



Lord: thank you for the Advent season. Thank you for the opportunity to read your word and to know the Living Word. As I celebrate his Incarnation, may you be honoured. For I pray in his name. Amen.

Heavenly Father: As I reflect on the gift of your son Jesus, I am humbled by the fathomless love that motivated that precious gift. Thank you for Christmas. Thank you, also, for the gift of your Holy Spirit. As I celebrate Jesus' first coming once more, help me to be mindful of his one day return. Help me to live in the year ahead in a manner that honours that promise. For I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.



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