

ADVENT 2019

LCG ADVENT READING PROGRAM. PLEASE JOIN WITH US.

“Advent is primarily about the coming of God, and only in a secondary way about our asking, seeking, waiting, and longing. There is hope, because we are unconditionally loved, whatever may be our failures, our trepidity, or our secret despair. The word “Come” is a bearer of mystery.” Maria Boulding, *The Coming of God*.

LCG members are encouraged to devote time during the season to read and pray a special book. Reading during Advent can better focus us to embrace God’s Word in our lives. This year a few of our members have offered some suggestions:

1. **Sacred Space – For Advent and Christmas season 2019-2020**

https://www.amazon.com/Sacred-Advent-Christmas-Season-2019-20/dp/0829448942/ref=pd_sbs_14_5/131-3232195-5848711?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0829448942&pd_rd_r=5a3a73a6-2ed0-452a-bcb1-6d3c5b9645da&pd_rd_w=bWY1D&pd_rd_wg=xoJvd&pf_rd_p=52b7592c-2dc9-4ac6-84d4-4bda6360045e&pf_rd_r=0HYPA4T97995C6BBZ91Q&psc=1&refRID=0HYPA4T97995C6BBZ91Q

2. **Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas –**

https://www.amazon.com/Watch-Light-Readings-Advent-Christmas/dp/087486917X/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=reading+for+advent&qid=1572884844&s=books&sr=1-1

From Amazon description:

Ecumenical in scope, these fifty devotions invite the reader to contemplate the great themes of Christmas and the significance that the coming of Jesus has for each of us – not only during Advent, but every day. Whether dipped into at leisure or used on a daily basis, *Watch for the Light* gives the phrase “holiday preparations” new depth and meaning.

Includes writings by Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt, Sylvia Plath, J. B. Phillips, Friedrich Wilhelm Foerster, Henri Nouwen, Bernard of Clairvaux, Kathleen Norris, Meister Eckhart, St. Thomas Aquinas, Karl Rahner, Isaac Penington, Madeleine L’Engle, Alfred Delp, Loretta Ross-Gotta, William Stringfellow, J. Heinrich Arnold, Edith Stein, Philip Britts, Jane Kenyon, John Howard Yoder, Emmy Arnold, Karl Barth, Oscar Romero, William Willimon, Johann Christoph Arnold, Gail Godwin, Leonardo Boff, G. M. Hopkins, Evelyn Underhill, Dorothy Day, Brennan Manning, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Romano Guardini, Annie Dillard, Martin Luther, St. John Chrysostom, Giovanni Papini, Dorothee Soelle, C. S. Lewis, Gustavo Gutiérrez, Philip Yancey, J. T. Clement, Thomas Merton,

Eberhard Arnold, Ernesto Cardenal, T. S. Eliot, John Donne, Gian Carlo Menotti and Jürgen Moltmann.

3. Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent by Richard Rohr, 2012.

https://www.amazon.com/Preparing-Christmas-Daily-Meditations-Advent/dp/1616364785/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2WSWZHBZ7185P&keywords=preparing+for+christmas+richard+rohr&qid=1572885077&s=books&sprefix=preparing+for+Chris%2Cstripbooks%2C159&sr=1-1

4. The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly, 2018.

Kelly says that modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. The lies that affect you the most, however, are the ones you tell yourself. These lies steal your joy, sap your energy, and cause you to lose hope. They prevent you from discovering the kind of vibrant faith the first Christians experienced. The world is in desperate need of change, and no one is in a better position to effect that change than Christians.

Available from Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/Biggest-Lie-Culture-Billions-Happiness/dp/1635820502/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=4.+The+Biggest+Lie+in+the+History+of+Christianity&qid=1572885717&s=books&sr=1-1

5. Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives by Pope Benedict XVI.

The Pope focuses exclusively on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life as a child. The root of these stories is the experience of hope found in the birth of Jesus and the affirmations of surrender and service embodied in his parents, Joseph and Mary.

Available through Amazon at:

https://smile.amazon.com/Jesus-Nazareth-Pope-Benedict-XVI/dp/0385346409/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=Jesus+of+Nazareth%3A+The+Infancy+Narratives+by+Pope+Benedict+XVI&qid=1572885344&s=books&sr=1-1

6. The Everlasting Man by G.K.Chesterton.

“A good challenging read.” Available on Amazon:

https://smile.amazon.com/Everlasting-Man-G-K-Chesterton-ebook/dp/B00ESQAL56/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=The+Everlasting+Man&qid=1572885820&s=books&sr=1-2

7. The Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons 2019-2020: Six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year A Kindle Edition

https://smile.amazon.com/Little-Advent-Christmas-Seasons-2019-2020-ebook/dp/B07Z3JKTGW/ref=sr_1_8?keywords=the+little+blue+book&qid=1572885375&s=books&sr=1-8