

# ADVENT DEVOTIONAL HOPE IN A TIME OF COVID

## A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 12:35

JESUS SAID TO THEM, "THE LIGHT IS WITH YOU FOR A LITTLE LONGER. WALK WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT, SO THAT THE DARKNESS MAY NOT OVERTAKE YOU. IF YOU WALK IN THE DARKNESS, YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING."

### Be the Light

As I begin this Advent Devotion, the sun is beginning to reveal its light and glory in the east. This is one thing we can count on each and every day, that the sun will rise and a new day will begin. For many of us, we are holding on to these few certainties of life. We have been living in times of darkness and uncertainty for eight long months now, and our faith has been shaken.

Our church family has been scattered and we have not been able to embrace the warmth of friendship on Sundays. We long to see the friendly and familiar faces that aid in sustaining us for another week. We long to hug our friends and feel the love and strength of another human being. To listen to the word of God in church, surrounded by our church family during worship. There are so many things we now long for that we took for granted before COVID-19.

When will I be able to freely visit friends and family without worrying about social distancing and wearing a mask? When can I go into a store and take my time looking for the items on my list and not feeling rushed and stressed? When will things get back to "normal"?

When I think of uncertainty, I always come back to faith. "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and the assurance that the Lord is working, even though we cannot see it."

I have no doubt that God is ever present and shedding light in our daily lives, through each and every one of us. Maybe it's when we check in with a friend and see how they are doing? When we send a card or note to someone we are thinking about? When we pray for those that are struggling?



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Heavenly Father,  
 Thank you for your daily gift of the rising sun. Thank you for providing friends and family, that serve as beacons of light in our darkness. Help us to feel your everlasting light and presence in our lives, and in turn, provide a light in the darkness for others.  
 In Your Holy Name,  
 Amen.

