

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Reached by God

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**"For the Son of Man
came to seek and
to save the lost."**

Luke 19:10 NIV

Advent: Waiting, Hope and Expectation

Advent is a time to be reminded about how God has reached His people, particularly through Christ's first coming. It's an opportunity to pause during our busy lives to consider how He reaches us today, and to be ready for His return.

Advent is about anticipating what is 'to come'. It's not passive; it's a prayerful, watchful season we can use to devote our lives further to God. Let's make this a time to attune our hearts to His unique calling and purpose for us to reveal His good news wherever we are.

Reached by God in Hard- to-Reach Places

Our Advent resource highlights four of Feba's partners who are reaching out with the gospel into regions impacted by war, flooding and religious persecution. As you read their stories and pray for their ministries, may their faithful witness inspire you to reach God's lost children by spreading the message of Jesus in your own community.

As we reflect on our partners' stories, we'll discover some of the many ways God reaches us by viewing these through the experiences of key biblical figures: the Prophets, Simeon, Joseph and, most importantly, Jesus.

Prepare to H.E.A.R. this Advent

In a world full of distractions, Advent is a reminder to make time to hear God's voice, to reflect on how He wants to reach out to us and through us with His good news.

To guide our thoughts, we'll be using the H.E.A.R. framework. As we consider the coming of Jesus, we encourage you to slow down, find a quiet, perhaps solitary, space and walk through these four simple steps on your Advent journey this year:

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Heed God's
word

Listen for God's voice through the Scriptures assigned for each week. Read the verses slowly, and 'Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly' (Colossians 3:16). As you listen, ask God to show you how He wants to reach out to you. Is there a word or phrase the Holy Spirit is bringing to your attention?

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Engage with a
Feba partner

Advent reminds us that God reaches people everywhere. Discover how Feba's partners are sharing the good news in hard-to-reach places. As you hear their stories, reflect on how their experiences connect with the biblical themes we're exploring, and see how God's word is impacting the lives of listeners over the airwaves.

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Act on what you
have learned

Scripture calls us not only to hear God's word but to obey it as well (Luke 11:28). Consider how you can put what you've read and heard into action. Whether it's through prayer, serving others, or sharing Christ's message of hope, let God's voice move you to reach out in faith.

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Reflect

As you end each devotional, take time to reflect on the week's themes and stories, listening to what the Lord wants to say to you. In this time of prayer, consider how to prepare yourself for Jesus' promised return and how God is calling you to reach out with the good news of His love and salvation.

Go deeper with our additional Advent resources

For more daily reflections and a deeper exploration of each week's focus sent straight to your inbox, please sign up at www.feba.org.uk/advent

As we journey through Advent, let's listen carefully to how God is reaching us and others, trusting that He is renewing our lives today and preparing the way for Christ's return.

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FIRST WEEK
IN ADVENT:
1-7 DECEMBER 2024

Reached through The Prophets

"...and all peoples
on earth will be
blessed through
you." **Genesis 12:3b**

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Heed God's
word

Read
Genesis 12:1-3

and reflect
on God's
covenant with
Abram (later
Abraham),

where His plan was to reach
and bless all nations through
Abraham's descendants. This
blessing extended beyond Israel,
laying the foundation for the
global reach of the gospel.

For further reflection, read
Matthew 1:1 to see how Jesus
fulfils God's covenant. Feba's
partners often use Old Testament
(OT) prophets, who appear in
both the Bible and Qur'an, as
bridges to introduce Muslims to
the gospel. While Muslims view
prophets (including Jesus, known
as Isa Al Masih) as messengers of
Allah, Feba's partners show how
they point to Jesus as the saving
Son of God, revealing God's
redeeming plan.

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In 2012, a man attended a
Radio Listeners' Conference
hosted by Feba's partner,
Rural Ministries Bangladesh
(**RMB**). He was determined
to prove that **RMB** was
teaching falsehoods,
arguing that they were

misinterpreting the Qur'an to establish the truth
of the Bible. Taking verses from both the Qur'an
and the Bible, he consulted with Islamic scholars
to prove that Islam is the only true religion.

Ten years later the same man returned to **RMB**.
This time he no longer wished to debate, but to
testify! He had recorded his spiritual journey in
five diaries, showing how his relationship with
the Lord had grown since 2012. Having met with
many Islamic scholars who couldn't give him
satisfactory answers to his questions, he began
to see the truth of what **RMB** had been teaching
over the airwaves.

He also came to the *Radio Listeners' Conference*
to be baptised. In front of 150 church members,
he shared his testimony. He admitted his previous
misunderstanding and affirmed that the team at
RMB had been correct in their teaching. Members
of the church prayed over him and entrusted his
continued journey of faith to the Lord.

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Act on what
you have
learned

Pray for Feba's partner in Bangladesh, where 90% of the population are Muslim and 0.5% are Christian*. Ask God to reach those opposed to Christianity by revealing His

redeeming plan to transform their hearts and minds.

The word 'blessing' describes God's favour and protection. Ask God to show you ways you can share His blessing with others, just as He promised to show His favour to all nations through Abraham (Genesis 12:3). You could offer to pray for God's blessing over a neighbour or friend in need, perhaps using **Psalms 20:1-5** as a guide, and consider how you could provide practical help as well.

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Reflect

walk in faith like Abraham as you prepare for Jesus' return.

*Source: Joshua Project – <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/BGA>

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what changes He is leading you to make this Advent. Perhaps He's inviting you to deepen your intimacy with God and



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BANGLADESH

Feba's partner, *Rural Ministries Bangladesh (RMB)*, uses shortwave radio, follow-up and personal visits to reach seekers and believers, addressing faith, health, and social issues



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PROPHETS

**SECOND WEEK
IN ADVENT:
8-14 DECEMBER 2024**

Reached through Simeon

**"The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light; on those
living in the land of deep darkness a
light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2**

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**Heed God's
word**

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32).

Simeon's patient trust in God's promise shows us what it means to wait faithfully. Like him, we are called to trust in God's timing and His promises, fulfilled in Jesus. As you reflect on this, give thanks for Jesus' coming and wait expectantly for His return.

**Read
Luke 2:25-35.**

Simeon's encounter with Jesus fulfils Isaiah's prophecy. Holding Jesus, Simeon proclaims,

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that building relationships takes a great deal of time and patience. One recent story highlights the power of perseverance. For 20 years, the team faithfully sent gospel materials to a man without receiving any response. The team often wondered if they should save money and stop sending them.

Then, completely out of the blue, the man wrote back to thank them for the materials they had sent him over so many years. He said he is now a senior Buddhist monk and teacher of Tibetan studies at a major university. Remarkably, he then requested more resources. His story reminds us that, in God's timing, even the smallest seeds can grow, especially if we keep persevering. For someone like this monk to listen to *Gaweylon's* programmes and engage with the gospel is highly significant.

As a ministry dedicated to sharing the gospel with people in Tibet and the Tibetan diaspora, the team at *Gaweylon* (meaning 'gospel') knows only too well

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encouraging response from the monk strengthen their faith and persistence, trusting that He will bring growth in His perfect timing.

Is there someone you long to see come to know Jesus? Write their name on a card and carry it with you as a reminder to pray. Consider joining with two or three others from your church family to help you persevere in prayer, even when there seems to be no glimmer of hope or visible signs of change.

SIMEON

Pray for the team at *Gaweylon* that they would persevere in sharing the gospel, even when progress seems slow and feedback, especially from Tibet, is almost non-existent. May the

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Reflect

persistent widow in **Luke 18:1-8**. May we faithfully follow Jesus' teaching that we 'should always pray and not give up'.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life and in the wider world where you need to persevere in prayer like the



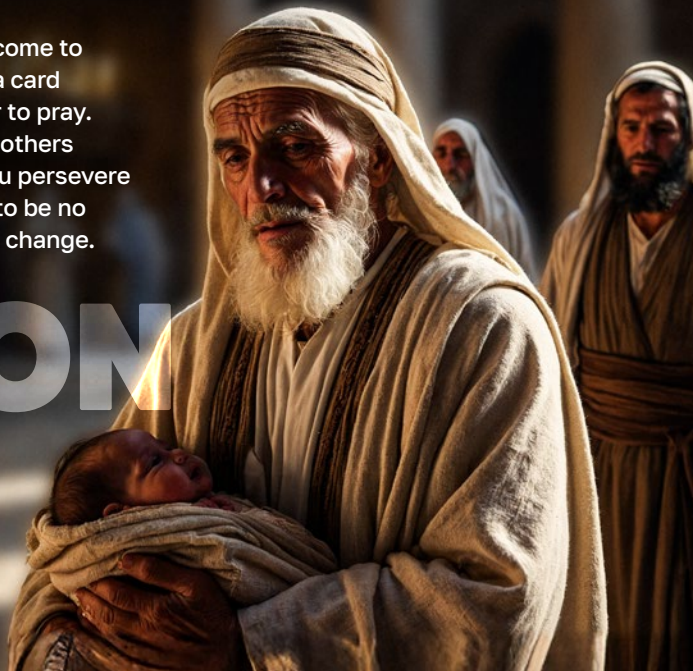
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GAWEYLON

Feba's partner, *Gaweylon*, uses media to share the good news of Jesus with Tibetan Buddhists living in Tibet, India, Nepal, Bhutan and other parts of the world.



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THIRD WEEK
IN ADVENT:
15-21 DECEMBER 2024

Reached through Joseph

**"When Joseph
woke up, he did
what the angel
of the Lord had
commanded him
and took Mary
home as his wife."**

Matthew 1:24

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Heed God's
word

**Read
Matthew
1:18-25.**

Joseph,
'faithful to the
law,' was
known for

doing what was right. Though perhaps not actively seeking God in that moment, God revealed Himself to Joseph in a profound way. After learning in a dream that Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit, Joseph obeyed and became Jesus' legal father. His willingness to follow God's plan, even defying social expectations, is remarkable.

As you reflect, imagine being in Joseph's shoes. Would you trust God's voice in a dream and follow His plan?

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**Feba Pakistan's
FMXP project**

equips Christians
with media skills
and trains them to
interview and
record local
residents discussing

community issues. These programmes encourage Christians to engage with the Muslim community in new ways.

A pastor shared how the *Hands-On Training (HOT)* in community engagement and broadcasting from the FMXP team has transformed his ministry: "Hosting the radio programme, *Rainbow*, in a city in northern Pakistan taught me how to communicate biblical content to the majority Muslim community in simple, accessible ways. I thank Feba for the opportunity to develop these skills."

His journey hasn't stopped there. Thanks to the FMXP training, the pastor continues to broadcast Jesus' message of hope and salvation, spreading the gospel message in impactful ways.

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believe in Him. Pray that their local radio programmes will help to improve health, education, human rights, and community development.

Are you open to God speaking to you through a dream or calling you to step out in faith like Joseph and the pastor in Pakistan? You might pray: "Lord, lay someone upon my heart, and love that one through me; that I may truly do my part to bring that one to Thee." As God reveals someone to you, trust the Holy Spirit to guide your words and actions.

JOSEPH

Pray for Feba Pakistan's *FMXP* project as they share the gospel, especially among 18 to 35-year-olds. Ask God to open hearts to Jesus, that many will come to

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Reflect

goes unnoticed but is vital in His greater plan. Trust that your quiet acts of faith will have a significant impact wherever God calls you to serve.

Ask God to reveal how you can serve quietly and faithfully, as Joseph did. Perhaps He is calling you to take on a task that you may feel



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PAKISTAN

Feba's *FMXP* project in Pakistan broadcasts weekly in four cities, introducing listeners to Christian truth and values, which are positively impacting families and communities.



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FOURTH WEEK
IN ADVENT:
22-24 DECEMBER 2024

Reached through Jesus

'This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.' 1 John 4:9

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Heed God's word

history, He has now spoken to us personally through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus sustains all things by His powerful word and reveals God's love through His life, death, and resurrection.

Meditate on how Jesus is the clearest expression of God reaching out to us. How does this inspire you to share His love with others?

Read Hebrews 1:1-4.

While God spoke to His people in many ways throughout

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know Jesus. In 2022, God answered her prayer by enabling her to work with Feba's partner, *Radio Wimbe*. Through her broadcasts in the local Kimuani language, Silvia has been able to share God's word in a personal way with her community.

Soon after she began presenting on *Radio Wimbe*, her mother tuned in to Silvia's programmes. When she heard the truth about Jesus in her heart language, Silvia's mother began to change. She spoke openly about trusting God and told Silvia, "My eyes have been opened". Although her mother hasn't accepted Jesus yet, Silvia continues to pray for her, trusting in God's timing.

Silvia's story reminds us that when we speak to people in their heart language, God's message can connect more deeply with them, allowing the Holy Spirit to begin a profound and lasting work of transformation.

Silvia is from the Mwani people – a predominantly Muslim community in northern Mozambique. As a believer, she prayed for her family and community to come to

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Pray for Silvia and the team at *Radio Wimbe* that the good news of Jesus will spread across northern Mozambique, and that many will come to put their faith and trust in Him.

As you come to the end of your Advent journey, take time to reflect on how God may be calling you to support local and global missions. Consider how you can be part of making Christ known in your family, community, and beyond.

R

Reflect

listen to the Holy Spirit. How might He be calling you to show Christ's love to others, reaching them with His good news of salvation and eternal life?

Ask God to help you grasp His eternal love for you, shown through Jesus, more deeply this week. As you meditate on this love, take time to



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MOZAMBIQUE

Feba's partner in Mozambique is *Radio Wimbe* – an FM community radio station reaching four different language groups, including the official language, Portuguese.



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JESUS

Feba's Worldwide Ministry

At Feba UK, we are passionate about using radio and audio media to creatively inspire people to follow Jesus Christ. Our focus is on some of the world's hardest-to-reach communities across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

We work with local partners who share the gospel in the heart languages of their listeners, making the good news of Jesus accessible and personal. Audio media is a powerful tool in places which are often affected by conflict, isolation, or limited access to technology – reaching people where other means struggle or fail.

With the generosity of supporters, we provide our partners with the resources and training they need to deliver life-changing content. Together, we're using audio media to transform lives, inspire faith, and make Jesus known, often for the first time, in communities around the world.

Please join us in praying that Christ is known in hard-to-reach places. Scan the QR code or visit our website to sign up for our monthly *Prayer Focus* email.

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