

Mid-Week Reflections

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Prayer:

God of love, you comfort us in our worry and our sorrows. You promise to restore us from now and eternally. Sustain us in our waiting during this Advent season and always. In Jesus' name we pray.

Read Isaiah 40:1-11

Reflection Questions:

- What was a high point of your week? What was a low point?
- Are these wonderful promises of a messiah possible more beautiful in places where life isn't so cozy? What do the comfortable-in-life miss in the message?
- What causes you to feel weary? How do you cope?

Do:

By taking action on what we learn, we make God's word come alive.
During this week consider: Jesus is the light of the world. Each evening this week, celebrate that light by lighting a candle in the window to share a light in the darkness.

Go Deeper:

Monday, Isaiah 41:1-20

Thursday, Isaiah 42:10-20

Tuesday, Isaiah 41:1-21-29

Friday, Isaiah 42:21-25

Wednesday, Isaiah 42:1-9

Saturday, Isaiah 43:1-7

A Messenger Sent from God

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way." Mark 1:2 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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1. 3-25-21-25-5-6 _____
2. 14-16-5-3-11-12 _____
3. 21-11-12-3-11-20-21 _____
4. 14-16-24-12 _____
5. 10-11-15-6-22-7-25-3 _____
6. 5-22-26-25-5 _____
7. 1-11-17 _____
8. 18-16-21-15-25-20 _____
9. 20-16-19-8-21-6-21 _____
10. 26-16-22-19-25 _____
11. 24-16-12-25-17 _____
12. 15-5-25-15-11-5-25 _____
13. 14-25-21-8-21 _____
14. 15-11-6-24 _____
15. 21-6-5-11-22-18-24-6 _____

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| STRAIGHT | WAY | HONEY | LOCUSTS | PREPARE |
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