



December 10, 2023, Advent II: Isaiah of the Exile

Isaiah 40:1-11

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

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



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. Isaiah 40:6*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

The prophet Isaiah draws on beautiful creation imagery to remind God's people that God's essence is eternal, bringing them relief, confidence and comfort.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Are these wonderful promises of a messiah possibly more beautiful in places where life isn't so cozy? What do the comfortable-in-life miss in this message?
- What causes you to feel weary? How do you cope?
- For the littles: Weary means tired. What happens when you get tired? God loves you and wants you to have rest!



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

Be filled with the light and love of Christ. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

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.

Daily Readings	Narrative Lectionary Readings
Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-11
Monday	Isaiah 40:25-31
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:25-31
Wednesday	Isaiah 50:4-9
Thursday	Isaiah 53:1-9
Friday	Isaiah 55:1-5
Saturday	Isaiah 55:6-13
Sunday	Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4; 10-13