

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2019</h1> <p>Eastern Diocese PNCC Mission / Evangelism Prayer: <b>The Fruits of Discipleship</b></p>					Life in Christ is a journey, "a long obedience in the same direction." How's it going?	As Advent begins, ask our Lord how He wants you and your parish family to <b>grow &amp; bear fruit.</b>
<b>1 ADVENT 1</b> We are called to be perfect in <b>holiness</b> . God makes it possible (1 Thess. 5).	2 Increase our longing for Christ our Savior; give us strength to <b>grow</b> in love. ( <i>Lit. of Hours</i> )	3 Prepare a path in our hearts for the coming of Your Word. ( <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i> )	4 "If you keep the Word of God (in your heart) it will also keep you."~ St. Bernard, abbot	5 "Be the living expression of God's kindness." ~ Mother Teresa	6 "Make a little time for God and rest awhile in Him." - St. Anselm, bishop (1033-1109)	7 May we reach out, in Jesus' Name, and help someone who is struggling today.
<b>8 ADVENT 2</b> What action can I take today to prepare for Jesus' coming? Listen for His voice.	9 If I obey God's Word, I am part of Jesus' family. What does this mean to me?	10 "The world is waiting to hear an authentic voice, a voice from God-- not an echo...	11 ...of what others are doing or saying, but an authentic voice." ~ A.W. Tozer	12 Will I <b>respond to God as Mary did</b> : "Here am I, the servant of the Lord"?	13 May we <b>live as Jesus taught</b> , ready to welcome Him with burning love and faith.	14 Can others see Jesus' saving work in me? Are my <b>words</b> and <b>deeds</b> pointing others to Him?
<b>15 ADVENT 3</b> May those who are grieving come to know the joy of Jesus' presence.	16 "To prepare the way means to <b>pray well</b> ; it means thinking <b>humbly</b> of oneself." Augustine	17 <b>Give sacrificially</b> to help alleviate suffering in your community, in the world.	18 May God heal relationships that have been broken - in families, in the church. <b>LOVE.</b>	19 Do I willingly <b>identify</b> myself as Jesus' disciple? (See Romans 1:16 - "not ashamed")	20 Galatians 5:22-23 lists the <b>fruit</b> of the Spirit. Are these qualities <b>growing</b> in my life?	21 Who can I <b>invite</b> to join me at Mass this Christmas? Pray about it and do as the Lord leads.
<b>22 ADVENT 4</b> May those who are far from God not delay in drawing near to Him.	23 Pray for those who are traveling to be with loved ones at Christmas.	24 "Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today... Abide with us, Emmanuel!"	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> Gratefully <b>receive Jesus</b> , the best Gift of all! (See Titus 3:4-7)	26 <b>St. Stephen</b> Lord, give strength to believers who suffer for their faith in Christ.	27 <b>St. John</b> "God is light; in Him there is no darkness." <b>Walk in His light!</b>	28 <b>Holy Innocents</b> Take action to <b>ease the suffering</b> of children living in dangerous places.
29 May we be faithful in <b>sharing the Good News</b> , like the <b>Humble Shepherds</b>	30 How have you <b>grown in faith</b> this year, in understanding and in practice?	31 How can you <b>continue walking with Christ</b> in 2020 as a faith-filled disciple?	"When the Church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it..."	...It is then that the world is made to listen to her message...	...though it may hate it at first." ~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981)	Make us a <b>people of light</b> , faithful to Your Word, to bring Your life to a waiting world. ( <i>Lit. of Hours</i> )