

# Advent CALENDAR

*Praying for China*

<p>Pray for steadfast faith for Chinese pastors (Colossians 1:11). <b>1</b></p>	<p>Pray for leaders facing challenges, fatigue, burnout. <b>2</b></p>	<p>Pray for more caring pastors, successors, continued ministry. <b>3</b></p>	<p>Pray for new church leaders and shepherds. <b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> Pray for youth to find Jesus, Holy Spirit guidance, Heavenly Father's protection.</p>	<p>Pray for Chinese church wisdom ministering to lost youths. <b>6</b></p>	<p>Pray for parents' wisdom in education amid pressure. <b>7</b></p>	<p>Pray for Chinese church's wisdom responding to Sinicization. <b>8</b></p>
<p>Pray for members facing tough choices about church attendance and employment. <b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Pray for increased freedoms, safety, favor, and kingdom advancement.</p>	<p>Pray for wisdom in social media navigation and legal interactions. <b>11</b></p>	<p>Pray for ChinaSource's connectivity and insights from church leaders. <b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b> Praise God for the thriving Chinese church in a hostile environment.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Praise God for worship avenues in small groups and home fellowships.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Praise God for resilient Christians during covid restrictions, adhering to local laws.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Pray for expanded discipleship, church growth post-covid recovery.</p>
<p><b>17</b> Praise God for opportunities for Christ-followers worldwide to plan ministry together.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Praise God for a praying church in China and globally.</p>	<p>Praise God for increased connections with Chinese Christian leaders. <b>19</b></p>	<p>Praise God for believers organizing workplace studies and Alpha courses. <b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> Praise God for decades of fruitful ministry in China and seeds bearing fruit.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Praise God for churches sending missionaries to unreached groups globally.</p>	<p>Praise God for the witnessing mindset of Chinese believers despite restrictions. <b>23</b></p>	<p>Praise God for Chinese believers sharing the gospel globally in challenging regions. <b>24</b></p>

# Praying for ADVENT 2023 China

## Anticipation

The Advent period is one of prayerful expectation. We ask the Lord to prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child on the feast of Christmas and for grace to carry the joy of Christ's birth with us for the rest of the year.

As part of our preparation, we pray more fervently than ever for the whole world to have the joy of hearing the gospel. At ChinaSource, we are praying especially for our brothers and sisters in China, who are facing an increasingly difficult environment. As we pray for their strength, may we also be strengthened in our faith by God's grace.

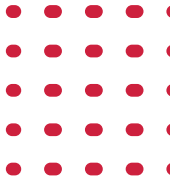
## December 1–4 Praying for church leaders in China (Hebrews 13:7).



1. Pray for the pastors in China that they will not waver in their faith, but rather demonstrate "endurance and patience with joy" (Colossians 1:11).
2. Pray for church leaders in China. In addition to increased pressure from government regulations there are also increased needs of shepherding numerous small groups. Many pastors face fatigue and burnout.
3. We ask God for more pastors who can care for believers, for successors to the aging ministry leaders, and to continue the work that has been carried on for the past decades.
4. Ask that God would raise up a new generation of church leaders and shepherds.

## December 5–7

In the next three days, we pray for Chinese families, children, and youth facing faith challenges and life complexities.

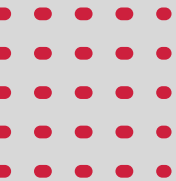


5. Pray for the children of China that they will find Jesus "in the days of their youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1), that the Holy Spirit will lead them, regardless of the obstacles they face, and our Heavenly Father will secure them in the palm of his hand.
6. Pray that the Chinese church would have wisdom to know how to minister to "lost youths" affected by high unemployment and other difficulties.
7. Pray for Christian parents who face tough choices for their children's education. With increased ideological pressure and content throughout the education system, parents need wisdom in teaching and raising their children through their formative years.

## December 8–10

Pray for Chinese church wisdom, members' choices, and increased freedoms.

8. Pray that God would provide the Chinese church wisdom on how to respond to the "Sinicization of religion."
9. Pray for church members making tough choices—some have been asked to stop attending, facing employment consequences.
10. Pray for increased freedoms and safety for Chinese Christians, finding favor with authorities to advance God's kingdom.



## December 11–15 Pray for wisdom, connectivity, resilience amidst hostility, worship innovations, and post pandemic strength.



11. Pray for wisdom in navigating through social media restrictions and finding new ways to communicate and interact in a legal way.
12. With increasing restrictions and internet constraints on the church and Christians in China, pray that ChinaSource can continue to connect with and hear from church leaders in China and provide their perspective on what God is doing in their country.
13. Praise God that the church in China is learning to survive and even thrive in a hostile environment.
14. Praise God for churches whose large meetings have been shut down but have found new avenues for worship and service through small groups and home fellowships.
15. Praise God for the resilience of Christians through covid restrictions—the church body was able to stay strong while diligently adhering to local laws.

## December 16–19 Pray for Chinese church growth; thanks to global Christians united in prayer.

16. May discipleship and church growth expand—both declined under covid restrictions and are still in the recovery stage.
17. Praise the Lord for new opportunities that Christ followers from China and around the world are encountering to meet, pray, and plan for ministry together.
18. Praise the Lord that he is raising up his praying church in China and across the world.
19. Praise God for increased connections with Chinese Christian leaders.





# December 20-24

Praise for the Great Commission  
focus of the Chinese church globally.



20. Praise God for believers who are organizing Bible study and prayer times in their workplaces. One group recently completed two Alpha courses with interested fellow employees.
21. Praise the Lord for decades of fruitful ministry presence in China from a host of sending agencies and ask that those sown seeds bear fruit for decades to come.
22. Praise God for churches that continue to send missionaries to unreached groups within China and across the world.
23. Praise God for the evangelical, witnessing mindset of so many believers in China, despite the restrictions and challenges they face daily.
24. Praise God for how the believers in China are being called to share the gospel in parts of the world that are impossible for Christians in Western countries.

# December 25

Praise God for the gift of salvation through his son Jesus Christ.

**In prayerful preparation, we thank God for the precious gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



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