



# Benilde-St. Margaret's

## Mike Jeremiah's 2020 Advent Prayer Log

As the BSM community celebrates the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas, BSM Campus Minister Mike Jeremiah offers prayers and reflections for each week of Advent.



November 29, 2020  
**Prepare the Way**

As we enter the season of Advent, we turn to Isaiah 40:3. "A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"

*Loving God,* You know how hectic my life has been, racing from day to day with little time to stop and notice the world around me. As we begin this Season of Advent, may I take the time, not only to look around me, but to look within, preparing my heart to welcome Your Son more fully into my life. Come, Lord Jesus, be my Light in a world that can seem dark and unknown. Come, Lord Jesus, come.





December 6, 2020

**Thy will be Done**

Today, BSM Campus Minister Mr. Mike Jeremiah offers a #SundayPrayer and verse from Luke 1:38. "Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"



*"Thy will be done!"*

I can't begin to count the many times I've spoken those words, Lord. They flow so easily and seem so simple, and yet they speak to the most difficult thing that I can do – let go. I like to be in control, Lord. As I pass through these days of Advent, may I look to Mary's example of pure and loving trust; may I place myself in Your Presence, knowing that You are forever faithful, knowing that You will never abandon or disappoint or turn away. My life is Yours, Lord.

*"Thy will be done!"*

December 13, 2020

**Rejoice Always**

Today, BSM Campus Minister Mr. Mike Jeremiah offers a #SundayPrayer and verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks ... "



*"Rejoice always!"*

I'm finding that difficult to do these days, Lord. I find it much easier to dwell on what I don't have ... those things that I've lost ... those things that are different and strange. As I pass through these Advent days, may I take the time to be thankful for what I do have, thankful for the little blessings of every day, thankful for the things that will never change, such as your unconditional love for me.

*"Rejoice always!"*



December 20, 2020

**A Light has Shone**

As we draw near to Jesus' birth, Campus Minister Mr. Mike Jeremiah offers a #SundayPrayer and verse from Isaiah 9:1. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone."



*Loving God,*

I walk in the stillness of  
these final Advent days,  
seeking peace of mind,  
of heart, and of soul,  
seeking a silent night  
where angel voices once  
again touch the earth,  
announcing the fulfillment  
of our hope and longing.  
In a world that can seem  
dark and cold, a light  
has shone.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come.*

December 25, 2020

**For unto us a child is born**

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Loving God, so many days have been spent preparing for this day – the decorating and shopping and wrapping – and here I am. I am silent in the presence of a small child wrapped in swaddling clothes and resting on the sweet hay of the manger. I am silent in the presence of my Savior, the One Who came to bring salvation and hope. I find it easy to become discouraged and disheartened in a world that seems at times to have forgotten You, a world so desperately in need of healing. The voice of the angel on that holy night in Bethlehem speaks to me. May I truly live this message, the true meaning of Christmas, each and every day that I am given.





December 27, 2020

### **The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." Luke 2:40



This has been a year unlike any we have ever experienced, Lord; difficult times for everyone, especially for families. The quarantines, the distant learning, the loss and pain and separation have brought with them feelings of hopelessness and despair, feelings that sometimes change from one moment to the next. On this day, we offer prayer for our families. May they not be lost in darkness or despair or sadness; instead, may they be grounded in faith, in hope and in love, knowing that they are never alone. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, be with them.