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Advent, a joyful time of preparation for the birth of Jesus, can be further enriched with *Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2017-18*, a daily prayer experience from Sacred Space, the internationally known online prayer guide.

Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season invites readers to develop a closer relationship with God during this season of preparation and anticipation. What we know and trust about the Sacred Space online prayer experience is now available in a compact, portable print format to heighten our Advent prayer practice in a way that is accessible, engaging, and meaningful to daily life.

Throughout the Advent season, each day includes a Scripture reading and points of reflection, as well as a weekly topic enhanced by six steps of prayer and reflection. With its small size and meaningful message, *Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season* is a simple way to build a richer relationship with God and embrace the Advent season as a sacred space.

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From Reader Review Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2017-2018 for online ebook

Lauren Bates says

This book was an excellent devotion to utilize through the Advent season. The daily readings were short enough to allow me to stay on track, and the Scripture helped ensure the Christmas story was in my mind throughout the day. I also liked the extra reading and devotional material after Advent season was over.

Heidi says

I saw this book on NetGalley and became intrigued. At times, I don't feel I think about God, Jesus, and Mary as often as I should, so I decided to give this read a go.

Meant to be read slowly, I actually zipped right through. Works from varying people and articles are referenced throughout in addition to Bible passages and reflections. I found myself learning about not only about Jesus, but other little tidbits. For instance, it was said that the Bishop Nicholas wanted his gift giving to be so anonymous that he dropped a bag of coins for his daughter down the chimney. I like to believe this is where Santa coming down the chimney came from. ?

Though I found both the scriptures included and the reflective questions/thoughts aspects meaningful, there was some repetition throughout. When John the Baptist's story came up more than once, almost verbatim, I had to stop and flip back to see if I was going crazy. I wasn't. I'm not sure why this story in particular was repeated, but it wasn't the only one. Perhaps this was a technique for the reader to remember certain passages more than others.

Overall, Sacred Space was a nice book that was meant to slow down the craziness of the Christmas season and try to remember why we celebrate this holiday. I would recommend this read to those of the Christian faith and would like to have a more reflective Advent/Christmas season.

<https://bookloverblogs.com/2017/12/17...>

Ayekah says

I have always loved Sacred Space whether it was for Lent or Advent. This Advent booklet is fantastic and while I prefer the paper book, I am really enjoying reading it on my e reader. The readings seem deeper this year and as always they are relevant to life today. I realize we are still in the advent season and will continue so until Jan 6

but wanted to get my review out there for those who have come late to this. It's not too late. It's a fantastic short piece of soul mining, thought provoking reading.

*arc from NetGalley and The Irish Jesuits**

*I received a copy of the book to review. This is my honest review and all opinions are mine alone**

Deborah says

Enjoyable and repetitive (in a good way) guide to the Advent period -3 December 2017 to January 8 2018. Each week there are a set of readings to be completed guiding your quiet time from silence to reflection in the midst of which there is a guided bible reading different for each day. I thought this was an enjoyable way to embrace one thought per week.

At the end of the book there is a guide to a retreat. Based on the Antiphons, generally used in the waiting period of Advent (although I had never heard of them).. I was unable to go away but read through these one each day and studied them (for 20 to 25 minutes each) in this way so as not to miss out.

I was given this book by NetGalley and the publisher. This is my voluntary review.

Karen says

Christmas reading

Really enjoyed this for this years advent reading. Already looking forward to next advent. Thought provoking and interesting at the same time.

Laura says

Another wonderful Advent devotional from The Irish Jesuits.

You can easily add this to your day and help center your mind during a season of preparation.

Beyond the daily reflections, there is also an Advent retreat in the back of the book. You can do this on your own or in a small group.

Note ~ I received an advance reader copy electronically from NetGalley to review. I have purchased previous years in the past and do not hesitate to recommend it.
