



PDT PRAYERS
- Advent
week 1 -
Hope

Monday 4th December

We all say : O Lord, Come to our aid.

God of peace,
we pray for our troubled world, so full
of conflict and pain.
Give us grace to prepare for your
coming
by being peacemakers in our homes,
our communities
and our global family.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Tuesday 5th December


We all say : O Lord, Come to our aid.

God of new life,
May we recognise your Spirit
working through children and young
people.

Help us to hear you through them
and to be led closer to you
and your vision of a world renewed.

St Joseph – Pray for us





**Be who God created
you to be.**

**Wednesday 6th
December**

We all say : O Lord, Come to our aid.

Loving God,
may we see all people as you do,
made in your image, loved and
precious,
and embrace them as sisters and
brothers.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Thursday 7th December

We all say : O Lord, Come to our aid.

Compassionate Christ,
you reach out to us in love.
Open our eyes to the needs of
our hungry world
and make us generous in our
response.

St Joseph – Pray for us

The Friday message



*Stay awake!
For you do not know
when the Son of Man
will come.*

Mt. 24:42



Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Pope Francis said regarding this Gospel passage: “The watchful person is the one who, amid the noise of the world, is not overwhelmed by distraction or things that don't matter, but lives in a way which is concerned first and foremost for others. In this way we become aware of the tears and the needs of our neighbours and we also recognise their human and spiritual strengths and qualities.



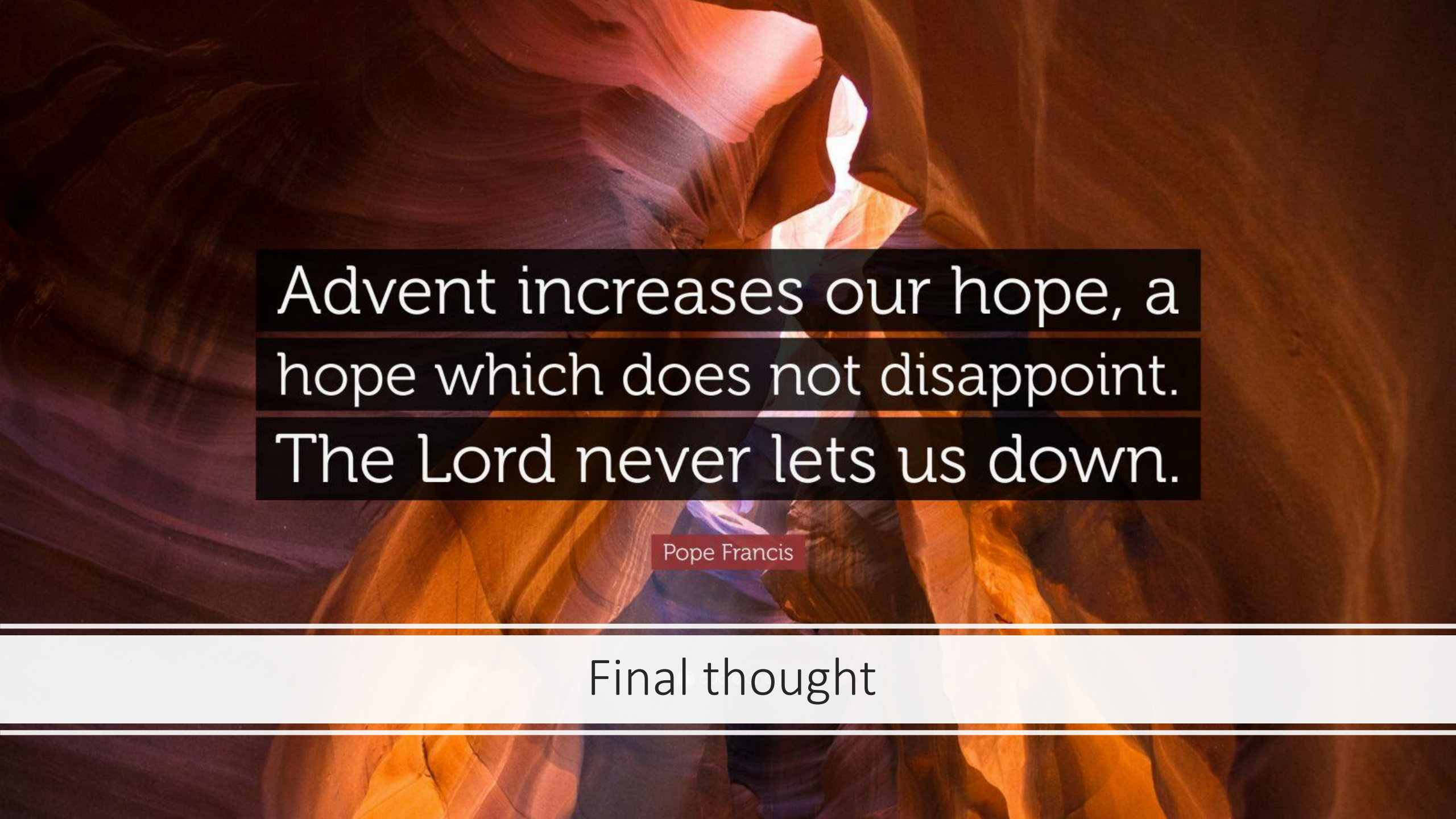
Let us be watchful this Advent season, let us help where we can see people suffering. Let us be generous in both of our charity appeals, to bring in food and 11p towards buying Queen Bees.



Help does not only come through charity, but how we treat each other with words and actions. If we see people unhappy, let us help not mock, if we see others suffering, let us not walk on by but help.

The concept of staying awake and being aware of others is a theme for all world faiths, and all those who have a concern for other humans.



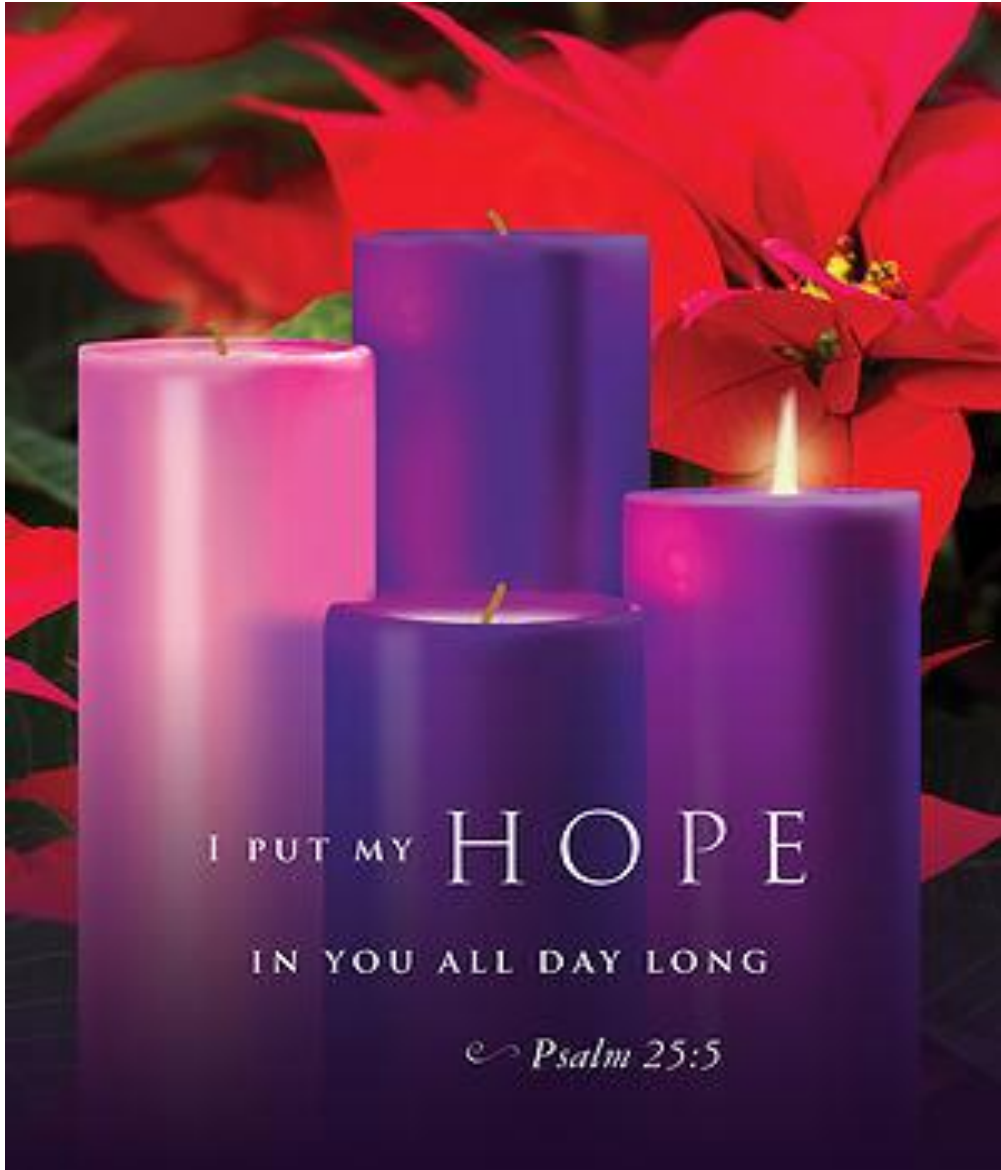


Advent increases our hope, a
hope which does not disappoint.
The Lord never lets us down.

Pope Francis

Final thought

1st Sunday of Advent – December 2nd



"So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep"

We now wait in hope. We have now begun the holy season of Advent. Advent is our opportunity to reach into the mystery that is the ministry of Jesus. We now wait in hope for the birth of the Messiah, the one who will take us to the Father That should give us a tremendous sense of hope, especially as we pass through this troubled world.