



Prayer to prepare my heart for Christ's Coming

Father,

Just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent.

Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent--the first coming--I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like.

Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis.

Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence.

My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus.

Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven.

Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.

Amen

- Sarah Martin,
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