



Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles (Advent 1)

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of restoration, when the Israelites were exiled, you invited them to accept a new normal. Show us how to move forward when it seems all is lost. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. (Jeremiah 29:11-12)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Israel was exiled, and it looked like it was going to be for a long time. God's invitation to the people came with a promise: build a new life for themselves, and when they searched for God, God would be found.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time your faith was shaken. What happened? Where is your faith now?

Has God ever gone back on a promise?

For the littles: What's the first thing you do when you return home from being out?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you unshakable faith. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Write a letter on behalf of people exiled in the world today. Go to Amnesty International, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, or other organization dedicated to working for justice. Learn what you can do to effect change.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14, Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

Monday, Jeremiah 1:4-19, Jeremiah's Call

Tuesday, Jeremiah 2:1-8, God Pleads with Israel to Repent

Wednesday, Jeremiah 3:1-5, Unfaithful Israel

Thursday, Jeremiah 30:1-9, Restoration Promised for Israel and Judah

Friday, Jeremiah 31:1-6, The Joyful Return of the Exiles

Saturday, Jeremiah 31:31-37, A New Covenant