

# *Advent Days with Walter*

Rauschenbusch Reflections on Love, Peace, Joy and Hope

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These selections from *To Live in God* are designed for personal devotional reading and reflection with others to enrich the daily journey through the season of Advent. I encourage you to read the full scripture passage referenced with each reading, then read, perhaps aloud, the printed verses to prepare for the Rauschenbusch meditation. Following the closing Rauschenbusch prayer, you may wish to enter a more extended time of personal or group prayer or write your own Advent prayer to accompany Walter's.

## ADVENT 1 REFLECTIONS ON LOVE

Sunday *The Spirit of True Christianity*, 76  
Monday *Only Love Disarms*, 96  
Tuesday *The Thing We Live By*, 103  
Wednesday *A Synonym of Love*, 181  
Thursday *Love at the Center*, 73  
Friday *The Universal Power of Love*, 188  
Saturday *The Great Intensifier of Life*, 101

## ADVENT 2 REFLECTIONS ON PEACE

Sunday *Real Worship*, 10  
Monday *The Greatest of These*, 124  
Tuesday *Love and Justice*, 122  
Wednesday *The Convictions of Jesus*, 154  
Thursday *Magic and Mythology of War*, 137  
Friday *What God Wants*, 81  
Saturday *The Source of Our Life*, 35

## ADVENT 3 REFLECTIONS ON JOY

Sunday *God's Country*, 179  
Monday *God is the Great Joy*, 44  
Tuesday *The Joy of Prayer*, 45  
Wednesday *The Joy of Play*, 41  
Thursday *Beauty*, 172  
Friday *Enter into God*, 17  
Saturday *The Homeland of My Soul*, 18

## ADVENT 4 REFLECTIONS ON HOPE

Sunday *Revolution and Reversal*, 83  
Monday *God in the Midst of Us*, 167  
Tuesday *The Revelation of God*, 48  
Wednesday *Culminating Revelation of God*, 13  
Thursday *It Shall Be*, 193

*Grant that in us  
the faith in thy love  
may shine through our life  
with such persuasive beauty  
that some who still creep in the dusk of fear  
may stand erect as free sons and daughters of God,  
and that others who now through unbelief  
are living as orphans in an empty world  
may stretch out their hands to thee and find thee near.*

Walter Rauschenbusch

(A Reflection Guide for *To Live in God* is available free on the Judson Press website. The Guide offers suggested formative questions to ask during your time alone and time with others. The questions can also help guide you through these Advent readings.)