



# Advent Calendar

**Greetings G2 family!**

Join us this Advent season in prayer for our G2 community.



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Pray for our G2 Kids Director, JoAnn, and her Program Assistants, Matty and Shakaël. For wisdom, energy, and joy in loving and teaching.

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Pray for our Youth Director, Anthony, and his Program Assistant, Alex. For patience, wisdom, love, and joy in mentorship and encouragement.

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Pray for our G2 Helps Director, Ted, and the many volunteers who go with him in serving marginalized in our community. For wisdom, strength, and persistence.

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Pray for our Executive Director, Andrew, and our ESL Program Lead, Millie. For energy and inspiration in developing opportunities for growth.

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Pray for our elders, Andrew and Jess, in their service and leadership of our church. For wisdom in teaching, strength in shepherding.

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Pray for our students, like Masaiah, who are learning to read. For retention, perseverance, and encouragement.

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Pray for Darius, both a G2 Intern and a believer attending G2BC. For his continued discipleship and leadership with his peers.

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Pray for Thursday Nights Together (TNT) as we meet many immediate hunger needs. For the openness of our community to respond to the Gospel!

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Pray for our ESL student Lisbeth. Health struggles and a learning disability discourage her. Pray for Millie in being light and hope in this believer's life.

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Pray for our congregation – for growth in our love for one another. For growth in our wisdom, talents and gifts, joy, encouragement to one another.

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Pray for our G2 parents, for provision and wisdom in loving and leading their children. That G2 will support them with resources in their lives and parenting.

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Pray that G2 fosters a healthy community for our teenagers. As a safe environment in which they can both mature and enjoy life together.

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Pray for Stop & Care outreaches. For safety of volunteers and those on the streets. For clarity – eyes opened to God's truth and the redeemed life He gives!

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"1 in 5" young adults in our community are idle – not in school and don't have a job. Pray for these young men and women to have motivation and perseverance.

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Pray for our G2BC intern, Julius, who grows in his theological understanding and leadership. Pray for continued hunger for scripture and evangelism.

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Pray for our G2 Kids as they develop friendships and grow in their knowledge of God. For opened eyes and hearts to the Gospel.

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Pray for connections with our youth through sports, like with a local football team on which a few of our students play. For ways to show up and love our students.

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Pray for "Jessica" who became a believer during a Stop and Care outreach. For connection to a local church and discipleship, encouragement, and support.

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Pray for the individuals who meet with us on our Social Work Tuesdays, and our staff and volunteers. Pray for open hearts, clear minds, loving wisdom.

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Pray for young adults struggling with mental health and instability from their environment. For wisdom in providing counsel to these individuals.

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Pray for our relationships with our students' teachers. For insight in how to best support and encourage them. For the teachers in their investment with students.

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Pray for our G.S.A.L.T. students as they navigate school, family, friendships, and first jobs. And, ultimately, for them to see the life that comes from Christ.

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Pray for the homeless and lonely, such as asylum seekers (over 100,000 in NYC). For a place of holistic warmth. Pray for G2 as we provide assistance and friendship.

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Pray for our integral office staff: Erica, Mildred, and Joshua. Pray for joy and insight as they keep our programs running from behind the scenes!

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Pray for evangelistic and service-minded hearts, as G2BC partners with G2CM. For boldness and humility in reaching those in our community.

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Greetings to all!

*At the end of the block on Beekman Avenue sits a house lit up for the holiday season. The yard is full of lights and Christmas regalia. Honestly, the eclectic hodgepodge of festive decorations with no consistent design aesthetic is a bit gaudy, but it is a bright spot on what is notoriously a dark block.*

*Our church sits at the other end of Beekman Avenue. Between that house and our building is one of the most notorious blocks in all of New York City. In the past year, we at G2 have experienced firsthand the tragedy and trauma that is commonplace on this block and the surrounding streets.*

*Our hope and prayer as a ministry and church is to share light. On these dark streets we hope to shine an everlasting light yearround. I would like to think our work here is reminiscent of the brilliant, well-designed Christmas displays surrounding Rockefeller Center, but honestly, we are more like the house sitting down the block. At times, it can feel a bit chaotic!*

*No doubt, a lot of wholehearted effort goes into the way we display the light. But the display isn't what matters. It's the light. It's the light that Zechariah prophesied when he prayed, "Give His people the knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising Sun will come to us from Heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace" (Luke 1:77-79).*

*As we celebrate the light of Christ this Christmas, we ask that you pray for our ministry and church. Will you join us in praying Zechariah's prayer for our Graffiti 2 family and our neighbors? The Advent Calendar on the reverse of this page will provide some specific prayer requests to pray in the days leading up to Christmas and beyond.*

*Thank you for your support. May we all recognize the power of every flicker and flame as the LORD shines through us to our neighborhood and the world!*

Merry Christmas,



Andrew Mann

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