

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

“During the American Civil War, one of Abraham Lincoln’s advisors was trying to talk him into a certain course of action. “After all, Mr. President,” the advisor said, “God is on our side.”

“Lincoln replied, “Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.”

As we begin Advent, we are challenged by the daily scripture readings which invite us to be watchful, and challenge us to ask ourselves: Am I on God’s side?

+“God’s plan is a community concerned about one, rather than about possessions and status. God’s vision is care and justice for those who are poor and suffering. Am I on God’s side?

+God’s plan is individuals taking time for prayer. God’s vision is pray-ers who put their prayers into action. Am I on God’s side?

+God’s plan is a world daring to offer forgiveness, not counting the cost. God’s vision is a people committed to inclusivity and peace-making. Am I on God’s side?

+God’s plan is each of us living our calling, created in the image and likeness of God. God’s vision is each of us acting as the Body of Christ and being hope-filled, compassionate, and courageous. Am I on God’s side?”

+What one or two things can I do during Advent to live on God’s side?

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