

# CLOSE to HOME

# Advent 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p><b>1</b> Set up a "stable" somewhere in your house-- a place for the Holy to be present with you this season</p>	<p><b>2</b> Call or write someone you love whose home is far away</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pray for those experiencing homelessness this season</p>	<p><b>4</b> Turn off social media for the day. All day. Notice what arises in this open space.</p>
<p><b>5</b> Build a fort! Hang out inside for a bit today</p>	<p><b>6</b> Is there some part of your home that you have been "meaning to organize" for a long time? Take some time today to focus on that chore.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pray for someone easy for you to love. Imagine what experience of "home" they might be needing right now.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Read a favorite poem out loud. Need inspiration? Go to <a href="http://poetryfoundation.org">poetryfoundation.org</a> and type "home" into the search box.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Share the poem you chose yesterday with someone else</p>	<p><b>10</b> Go outside and see if you can spot where an animal has made its home. Give thanks for the other-than-human persons with whom we share this life.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Enjoy being at home by doing something creative today: make an ornament, cook a new recipe, write an Advent haiku. . .</p>
<p><b>12</b> Brighten someone else's home today by sharing the creation you made yesterday with them</p>	<p><b>13</b> Pray for someone harder for you to love. Perhaps ask God to help this person have a sense of feeling at "home" today</p>	<p><b>14</b> Is there a part of you feeling not "at home"? Take some time to journal or pray about what your soul might need right now.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Have a 3-minute dance party. Then another one. (You can even do this sitting down!)</p>	<p><b>16</b> In honor of Mary and Joseph, think about a family you know who might be having a tough time. How might you show them some love today?</p>	<p><b>17</b> Spend 15 minutes today listening to some sacred music (you decide what type of music that is for you!).</p>	<p><b>18</b> Enjoy an island Christmas tradition (even in its different format). Watch the online Christmas program at 6:30pm (find the link at <a href="http://stjohnsmadelineisland.org">stjohnsmadelineisland.org</a>)</p>
<p><b>19</b> Sing a song (at the top of your lungs) that brings you joy</p>	<p><b>20</b> What do you need to let go of to make more room for Christ's arrival?</p>	<p><b>21</b> Wake up early and watch the sunrise. Feel the return of the light.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Imagine all the different types of homes around the world. Pray for safe and available housing for all people.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Who has helped you feel "at home" in the world? Consider how you might let them know.</p>	<p><b>24</b> As the sun goes down this holy night, light a candle &amp; give thanks for the way God makes a home in your heart</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas!</b></p>