

# ADVENT, A TIME TO SAY YES

- 1st Sunday  
*Seek to understand*
- 2nd Sunday  
*Prepare the home*
- 3rd Sunday  
*Courage, do not fear!*
- 4th Sunday  
*Let yourself be de-stabilized*



## 2nd Sunday

# Prepare the home

«“Adam, where are you?”- “I am afraid”.  
“You have found grace” -  
“Let it be done according to your word”».

(From the Liturgy for December 8)

**T**he Lord God - outside the garden of Eden, in that land of limits and death, of work and sin - calls his fragile creature who is left to his own devices. God calls because he loves. He calls because he wants each person to become the home of his presence, the hands of his goodness, the heart of his passion, the mouth of his words, the arms of his tenderness, the womb of his life.

The Lord God calls Mary. She is the beloved, overflowing with love, grace and life. She listens to his voice, a voice that disturbs, stirs, rouses, and does not leave her indifferent. Mary, who is open to God's voice, immerses herself in the Creator; she offers her life as his home, asks to understand ...but not necessarily to see.

The Lord God calls, and continues to do so in every time, in every place, in every man and woman, in every conscience. And he also calls you, today. His Word becomes for each of us an invitation to fullness.

### ATTITUDE FOR THIS WEEK

Faith, trust and throwing oneself onto God without “parachutes”: this makes the impossible possible. But how do we move from fear to trust?

Mary suggests one single attitude: to prepare our home, our life, interiority, heart, thoughts and desires. Prepare the house by getting rid of the superfluous, removing the residue of rancor, taking away encrusted desperation, eliminating the dust of superficiality. The gift is free for everyone. But in whom will it find a space?

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*Here I am, Lord!  
I would like that your Word should become real in me  
as it did in Mary.  
Here I am, aware of all my limits and my sin.  
Should I run away? Or hide myself?*

*I listen to your voice, but I do not want to be afraid.  
I know that you are omnipotent:  
omnipotent in love, omnipotent in forgiveness,  
in always believing in us, despite everything.*

*Here I am, Lord!  
This is my life and my story: nothing extraordinary,  
and yet you love me and chose me, and have faith in me.  
Fulfill your Word in me and through me.  
May my choices make your love real. Amen.*