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Giving Praise
[Luke 1: 46b-55](#)

⁴⁶ And Mary^[a] said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;

When I think of Mary's young age and her response to the message Gabriel brought her, I am in awe.

After the shock wore off, a million questions would have been running through my mind. What would have been my response? How can this be? What are my parents going to say? How is Joseph going to react? Will I be stoned, die, or cast out? These are just a few of the questions that would be running through my mind.

I am sure Mary had questions too, but we are not privy to them. Instead, we learn of Mary's response: she sang praises to God and exulted him.

During this season of Advent let us take time to sing praises to God for all that he does for us on every day, every hour, and every minute of every day.

I so often find myself taking for granted the little things that God provides every day: the sound of rain falling, birds singing, the beauty that surrounds my home, and that God gives me another day to enjoy it all.

This summer I was diagnosed with a tear in my retina that was impacting my central vision in one eye. Praise God that it was successfully treated and healing nicely. Another reminder that God is taking care of my life.

Praise God just not only for the life-altering things in your life but for all the daily events that we take for granted.

Our job is to sing God's praises for all that he does, so that each new generation knows that He is always there and waiting to bless us.

Prayer: *Precious Father, help me to be like Mary and sing my praises to you for your blessings in my ever-evolving life. Thank you for each valley and mountain event that shapes my life. Help me to always praise you. Amen.*

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