



*An Advent
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A Christmas Wrapped in Love

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Usually, I am filled with angst and anxiety around the Christmas season.
I dislike the hyped gift-giving, the decorating expectations, and the loss of
meaning, for most people, of what the season is really about.
I look forward to the calm when it's over.

This Christmas should be different. God has thrown me another wrench.
It seems he wants me to trust him and only him. All the things I dread about
the holidays are minuscule in the bigger picture.

Through my breast cancer treatment, God has shown me how much love and
support people are unselfishly willing to give. Today I received a special gift:
a blanket with all of my family's photos embossed. My sister sent it so I can
be "wrapped in love" while dealing with another life-changing experience.
God is the wonderful almighty!

The Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the serenity To accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change
the things I can; And wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoy-
ing one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He
did, this sinful world As it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all
things right If I surrender to His Will; So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him Forever and ever in the next.*

