

DAY	CHALLENGE	
 <p>A Partridge in a Pear Tree</p>	<p>Read the scriptures of Christmas (Luke 2:1-14 &amp; John 1:1-14). Reflect on the story and offer a prayer of thanks to the God who shows up in unexpected places.</p>	
 <p>Two Turtle Doves</p>	<p>Spend some time intentionally nurturing a relationship in your life. Plan some way to connect or reconnect in a relationship that is important to you.</p>	
 <p>Three French Hens</p>	<p>Find a way to feed God's people – whether through volunteering at a soup kitchen, donating to a food pantry donation, or supporting organizations like Meals on Wheels or Heifer International.</p>	
 <p>Four Calling Birds</p>	<p>Be like a “calling bird” and make your voice heard. Seek an opportunity and find the courage to lift your voice, whether to share your faith or to speak out for justice.</p>	

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 <p>Five Golden Rings</p>	<p>Give a gift of the money you value – any amount you choose – to a cause you value even more, via an organization that is doing good work in the community or the world.</p>	
 <p>Six Geese a-Laying</p>	<p>Encourage a person in your life who, like a mother goose, is nurturing and hardworking and self-sacrificing, giving tirelessly of themselves for others.</p>	
 <p>Seven Swans a-Swimming</p>	<p>Take this 7th day of Christmas, this last day of 2022, as a day of real Sabbath rest. Spend time with people you love and time in prayer with the God you love.</p>	
 <p>Eight Maids a-Milking</p>	<p>As you enjoy one of your meals, offer a prayer before you eat for the people who worked to plant, grow, raise, harvest, transport, inspect, package, and sell your food. Seek out a fair-trade food option today.</p>	

# TAKE THE "12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" CHALLENGE!

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 Nine Ladies Dancing	We dance for joy... so bring joy to a "lady" in your life. Encourage, spend time with, or dote on a woman who has been important to you.	
 Ten Lords a-Leaping	We also leap for joy... so bring joy to a "lord" in your life. Encourage, spend time with, or dote on a man who has been important to you.	
 Eleven Pipers Piping	Like a piper, use your breath... but use yours to pray! Try this breath prayer from the psalms: Breathe in while praying "My help comes from the Lord," and out with "the maker of heaven and earth." (10x)	
 Twelve Drummers Drumming	Celebrate the gift of Christ in your life by doing something with your hands. Use your hands to help, to create, to connect, or to play.	

