

Dee Mail Hospitality

Dear Ladies,

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What comes to your mind as Thanksgiving and Christmas approach? Do you anticipate the joy of the season or is your mind filled with dread or sadness? The Bible reminds us, "Above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23). The heart is the real us. Stand at its entrance and put up a protecting barrier against fear or anxiety. Ask God to help you resist any feeling or attitude that would hinder a bubbling wellspring of happiness this special time of year.

Are you expecting guests this year? Here are a few helpful ideas that may add to their comfort:

1. For nicely organized towel storage, stack towels in the guest bath with each folded side toward the front of the cabinet. How about a different color for each person so there will be no mix-ups?
2. Providing an alarm clock, drinking glass, a night light and a good book is always a thoughtful gesture.
3. Have an over-the-door hook with several hangers so guests have a spot to hang their clothes without rearranging the closet.
4. Be prepared to share your home's wireless access code to those who brought their lap tops.
5. Before retiring for the evening, join hands in a circle with your company and pray. You'll feel closer in kinship and friendship.

Start early in your meal planning, cleaning, and shopping. You'll be ready when the door bell rings!

Love to each of you and happy hostessing!

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Prayer: "Dear Lord, thank you for coming to our fallen world. As we celebrate your birth, help us remember the condition of our hearts and minds is more important than the outer trimmings of the season. Help us not expect everything to be perfect. Enable us to relax and enjoy our loved ones as we graciously and thoughtfully welcome them into our homes."

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