



ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

The First Week of Advent



The Advent wreath prayers change every week. They are prayed at the lighting of each candle every day during Advent.

WEEK ONE:
The first purple candle is lit, and the prayers for the first week are said after it is lit.

PRAYERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

The first purple candle is lit. Then the prayers for the first week are said.

Antiphon: Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape all sin and evil through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins.

V. O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation!

R. Savior of all peoples, come and dwell amongst us and save us from our sins!

Let us pray: Almighty and powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good and avoiding evil, so that Christ may find a fitting welcome at His coming; so that being freed from our sins, we may be worthy to be called to His side in the Kingdom of Heaven, where He lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

During the first week one candle is left burning during the evening meal, at prayers or at bedtime.



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The Second Week of Advent



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WEEK TWO:
Two purple candles are lit, and the prayers for the second week are said after they are lit.

PRAYERS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Two purple candles are lit. Then the prayers for the second week are said.

Antiphon: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls.

V. O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart!

R. Come and save your people and fill our hearts with the desire and joy of Heaven!

Let us pray: O God of power and mercy, cleanse, purify and open our hearts in readiness to welcome Thy Divine Son. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share in His purity and wisdom and become one with Him when He comes in glory, for He lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Third Week of Advent



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during Advent.

WEEK THREE:
One rose and two
purple candles are
lit, and the
prayers for the
third week are
said after
they are lit.

PRAYERS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*One rose and two purple candles are lit.
Then the prayers for the second week
are said.*

Antiphon: O Stir up Thy might,
we pray Thee, O Lord, and come;
rescue us through Thy great
strength; so that salvation, which
has been hindered by our sins,
may be hastened by the grace of
Thy gentle mercy.

V. O Key of David, Jesus Christ,
the gates of Heaven open at Thy
command!

R. Come and forgive us our sins
and show us the way to salvation!

Let us pray: O Lord God, as we,
Thy people, who look forward to
the birthday of Christ, let us
remember that He came so seek
and save that which was lost and
call all to penance, lest they perish.
Grant that we bring forth worthy
fruits of penance in preparation
for experiencing the joyous arrival
of our salvation and celebrate that
feast with love and thanksgiving.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns for ever
and ever. Amen.

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The Fourth Week of Advent



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WEEK FOUR:
One rose and
three purple and
candles are lit,
and the prayers
for the fourth
week are said
after they are lit.

PRAYERS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

*One rose and three purple candles are
lit. Then the prayers for the second
week are said.*

Antiphon: We humbly beg
Thee, O Lord, to listen to our
prayers; and by the grace of
Thy coming bring light into our
darkened minds.

V. O Wisdom, holy Word of God,
Jesus Christ, light and life of the
world!

R. Enlighten our minds and teach
us the way to salvation!

Let us pray: O Father, all-powerful
God, Thy eternal Word took flesh
on our earth, when the Virgin
Mary placed her life at the service
of Thy Divine plan for our
redemption and salvation. Lift
our minds and hearts above the
sinful things of world, and open
our minds to receive the Holy
Spirit, who prepares us for Christ's
coming. We ask this through
Christ our Lord, lives and reigns
with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one
God, forever and ever. Amen.

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