

**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 purple candle is left burning during the evening meal, at prayers, or at bedtime.

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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 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.

During the second week two purple candles are left burning during the evening meal, at prayers, or at bedtime.

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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 third 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 : 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 livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

During the third week three candles (one rose and two purple) are left burning during the evening meal, at prayers, or at bedtime.

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WEEK FOUR:
One rose and three purple 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 fourth 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. Amen.

During the fourth week all four candles are left burning during the evening meal, at prayers, or at bedtime.