

Advent@Home: Advent Wreath Prayer

First Week of Advent – Year C

(This prayer is repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle)

All make the Sign of the Cross.

The leader says: Our home is blessed today, this first week of Advent,
As we prepare for the coming of the Great Light.

Let us pray,
Lord God, you made us a family, and you made us holy.
May this first week of Advent help us live in the hope of
Forever rejoicing in the house of the Lord.
We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reader: (R.) **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

All: (R.) **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Reader: Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

All: (R.) **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Reader: All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,
and his covenant, for their instruction.

All: (R.) **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Leader: Let us light the first candle on our wreath and sing our Advent Wreath song.

(The first purple candle is lit before and left burning during the evening meals on each day of the first week in Advent)



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Second Week of Advent – Year C

(This prayer is repeated each day during the second week. After the prayer, the family's oldest child lights both the first and second purple candles)

All make the Sign of the Cross.

The leader says: The Prince of Peace reigns in our home, and among us as we prepare to light two candles on our wreath today.

Let us pray,
God of peace and justice, we turn to you during this second week of Advent,
Seeking ways that we may live in peace and harmony with one another,
Until that day when Your peace covers the earth.
We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reader: (R.) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**
When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
 we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with rejoicing. .

All: (R.) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Reader: Then they said among the nations,
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
 we are glad indeed.

All: (R.) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

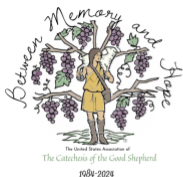
Reader: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those who sow in tears
 shall reap rejoicing.

All: (R.) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Reader: Although they go forth weeping,
 carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
 carrying their sheaves.

All: (R.) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Leader: Let us light the first and second candles on our wreath, as we sing our Advent Wreath song.
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Third Week of Advent – Year C

(This prayer is repeated each day during the third week. After the prayer, the mother of the family will light the first, second purple candles and the rose candle)

All make the Sign of the Cross.

The leader says: Our hearts are filled with joy, the Savior is coming,
as we prepare to light three candles on our Advent Wreath today.

Let us pray,
Savior of the World,
who comes to feed, to free, to heal, and protect us.
May we know the complete joy of being in Your presence,
of following You and remaining in Your love.
We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reader: (R.) **Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**
God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

All: (R.) **Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Reader: Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

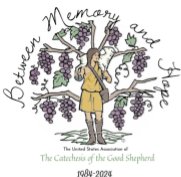
All: (R.) **Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Reader: Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

All: (R.) **Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: Let us light the first, second, and third candles on our wreath, as we sing our Advent Wreath song.

(The first, second purple candles and the rose candles are lit before and left burning during the evening meals on each day of the third week in Advent)



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Fourth Week of Advent – Year C

(This prayer is repeated each day during the fourth week. After the prayer, the head of the family will light all 4 candles)

All make the Sign of the Cross.

The leader says: The King of glory dwells among us. May His love cover the world as we light four candles on our Advent Wreath.

Let us pray,
We shout Glory to the King of Kings.
Whose love reigns in our hearts.
May these final days of the season bring us closer
to one another and mystery of the Incarnation,
as You enter our homes, our lives, and our history.
We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reader: (R.) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**
O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

All: (R.) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Reader: Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

All: (R.) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Reader: May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

All: (R.) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Leader: Let us light all four candles on our wreath, as we sing our Advent Wreath song.

(All four candles are lit before and left burning during the evening meals on each day of the fourth week in Advent)



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