



Advent Wreath Prayer First Week of Advent – Year A

(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.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the Lord.”
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: Because of my brothers and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will pray for your good.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

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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Advent Wreath Prayer Second Week of Advent – Year A

(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.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

All: **(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

Reader: Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

All: **(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

Reader: For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

All: **(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

Reader: May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

All: **(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.**

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

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Advent Wreath Prayer Third Week of Advent – Year A

(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.) Lord, come and save us.**
The Lord God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets captives free.

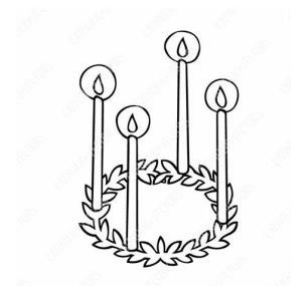
All: **(R.) Lord, come and save us.**
Reader: The Lord gives sight to the blind;
the Lord raises up those who were bowed down.
The Lord loves the just;
the Lord protects strangers.

All: **(R.) Lord, come and save us.**
Reader: The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The Lord shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.

All: **(R.) Lord, come and save us.**

Reader: 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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Advent Wreath Prayer Fourth Week of Advent – Year A

(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.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

All: **(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

Reader: Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

All: **(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

Reader: He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

All: **(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

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)*

