

Praying Every Day – Advent Family Prayer



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Week One: Lighting of the First Candle

Loving Father,

as we light our First Advent Candle we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us. Free us from any worry or distress that we may have and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of hope. May your hope fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the First Sunday of Advent!

❖ ‘See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks- when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah’ (Jeremiah33:14)

❖ ‘Lord, make me know your ways, Lord, teach me your paths (Ps 25:4)

❖ ‘May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another’ (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

❖ ‘Stay awake, praying at all times’ (Luke 21: 36)

Week Two: Lighting of the Second Candle

Loving God,

as we light our second Advent Candle we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Free us from any worry or distress that we may have and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.

May your hope fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Together we pray:
Come, Lord Jesus

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the Second Sunday of Advent!

❖ For God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory (Baruch 5:9)

❖ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.' (Ps 125)

❖ Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy (Phil 1:4)

❖ 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight Luke 3: 4) (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Week Three: Lighting of the Third Candle

Loving God,

on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Open our hearts to the good news that you bring to us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of joy.

May we see that our deepest joy comes from knowing you. May this joy fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the Third Sunday of Advent!

- ❖ Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel shout aloud! (Zep3:14)
- ❖ Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. (Is 12)
- ❖ I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; (Phil 4:4)
- ❖ Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' (Luke 3:16b)

Week Four: Lighting of the Fourth Candle

Loving God,

on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer. As we make our final preparations to celebrate the birth of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us. Help us to welcome your light into our lives, A light that gives us the gift of love. You showed us the greatness of your love in Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

You love us with an everlasting love. May your love fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the Fourth Sunday of Advent!

❖ But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born from me the one who is to rule over Israel' (Micah 5:1)

❖ 'And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.' (Psalm 80:19)

❖ 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' (Heb 10:5-10)

❖ For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy (Luke 1: 44)