

An Advent Service for the Home



A member of the family lights one or more candles depending on the week being observed.

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Rejoice. The Lord is at hand.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: (Reads the Bible passage suggested for the day.)

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Leader: (On the first Sunday, the Leader asks God's blessing on the wreath.)

Advent Wreath Blessing

O God by your word all things are made holy. We offer to you this Advent Wreath which we ask you to bless. Help us to use it to prepare our hearts for the great coming of your Son, and help us to receive Him into our hearts with joy. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (The prayer for the week is said in union. Additional prayers may be said for the Church, the family, those in trouble, etc. These prayers can be found in your prayer book.)

All: The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Almighty and Merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Family member extinguishes the candles.

First Week

Almighty God, be in our midst to cast away all works of darkness, which separates us from you. In your great mercy, forgive all the things we have done that we should not have done, and all things we failed to do that we should have done; and teach us to live as children of God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Second Week

Our Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of others, as you were understanding of the needs of all men and sent your Son Jesus Christ to redeem us. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Third Week

O God, who sent prophets to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: help us to hear their warning and their message of great joy which was given for all people; so that at the Birthday of your Son, our Redeemer, we may receive Him more joyfully into our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Week

Blessed God, we await the coming of your Son our Saviour. In this last week of our waiting, bring us to greater love of our family by learning to give to one another greater respect and honor, that our homes may be happy, joyful places into which thy Son, Jesus Christ may come. Amen.

Nov 26	John 1:9-14, 16-17	Dec 10	Isaiah 9:6-7
Nov 27	John 3:16-21	Dec 11	Isaiah 7:10-14
Nov 28	Isaiah 60:1-3	Dec 12	Isaiah 11:1-6
Nov 29	Psalm 43: 3-5	Dec 13	Isaiah 40:10-11
Nov 30	Isaiah 58:6-9	Dec 14	Isaiah 52: 7
Dec 1	I John 2:8-11	Dec 15	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Dec 2	I John 3:1-2, 7-10	Dec 16	Malachi 3:1-2
Dec 3	Isaiah 40:1-5	Dec 17	Matthew 1: 18-25
Dec 4	Genesis 3:1-7	Dec 18	Luke 1:26-33
Dec 5	Genesis 3:8-13, 22-23	Dec 19	Luke 1:34-35, 38
Dec 6	Hosea 11:3-4	Dec 20	Luke 1:39-45
Dec 7	Psalm 130	Dec 21	Luke 1:46-56
Dec 8	Micah 6:6-8	Dec 22	Luke 1:57-66
Dec 9	Jeremiah 14:8-9	Dec 23	Luke 1:67-80
<i>Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20</i>			