

# ADVENT BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS



The purpose of this activity is to pray in a special way to prepare your family's hearts to receive Christ at Christmas. Below are special prayers to offer throughout the season. Pray each as you light the candles on your Advent wreath. If you don't have one, you can make a simple one with some evergreen leaves and four candles.

## First Sunday of Advent

**Leader:** "A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! ... Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Isaiah 40: 3, 5). Lord God, we gather around this wreath and wait and prepare for Your coming once again into our lives. As we light this candle, send forth Your Holy Spirit, who alone can dispel the darkness of our sin and fill us with the light of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. Bless this wreath and our lives as we wait in joyful hope for Your coming.  
**All respond:** Amen.

*Light one purple candle tonight and each night of the first week of Advent. Then pray:*

**Leader:** Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Come, Lord Jesus!

**All respond:** Come, quickly!

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Leader:** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone... For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9: 1, 6). Father, you loved us so much that you sent light into our darkness – your only Son Jesus. As we light this second candle tonight, may it be a reminder for us of Your everlasting love and Your promise that You will always be with us. Help us to wait with expectant hearts for the fullness of Your kingdom.  
**All respond:** Amen.

*Light two purple candles tonight and each night of this second week of Advent. Then pray:*

**Leader:** Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Come, Lord Jesus!

**All respond:** Come, quickly!