

Advent Prayers

As candles burn bright in the night, dear Jesus, so our hearts burn bright with the excitement that ignites our souls to worship and adore you for your Light that soon will shine in Bethlehem. Spark in us a renewed sense of joy in living for today and having hope for tomorrow. Warm our minds with thoughts of your love and comfort made real in the manger. Let our faith not flicker in the dark, but be a beacon of confidence and trust that you can make the impossible possible and the ordinary extraordinary! Amen.

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your first Advent in Bethlehem we are keeping watch for your Second Advent, your glorious return on the Last Day. Until that day, reign as King in our hearts and lead us by your Spirit to love and serve others in your name. We give you thanks and praise for all of your blessings, especially for this gathering and the fellowship we enjoy. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Lord Jesus, King of kings, during this busy season we may forget your lordship in our lives. Forgive us and fill us with your peace. Be at the center of all that we do and say. As we prepare to celebrate your birth in Bethlehem, we look forward to the day when you will come again. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Dear Babe of Bethlehem, we come to you this Advent filled with wonder and awe in all that we have seen and heard about your coming among us as our Infant Savior. Let us never cease to marvel at what you have done by descending to earth to bring joy to the world through your blessings of forgiveness, salvation and everlasting life. With those around us, may we treasure the miracle of your birth as we are blessed by your presence here with us. In your name we pray. Amen.

Father in heaven, we praise and thank you for the great gifts that you give. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your son, fill our hearts with faith. Help us to see with wondering eyes the beauty of our savior. Remind us of his great love and sacrifice for our sake. Help us to know with certainty that this gift is for us. Stir in us the desire to share your gifts with the world. Thank you, Father, for all your great gifts to us. Amen.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son into the world to bring us peace. Please send your Spirit into our hearts to fill us with that peace. Slow our minds and calm our hearts, so that we can experience the peace that only Jesus can bring. Stir up our faith so that we will know your love and forgiveness. Help us to live out your peace in our daily lives so that we may shine a light on your love and mercy. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.