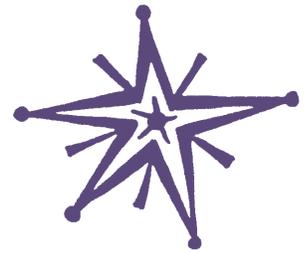


Prayers for Weekly Lighting of the Advent Wreath



The Scripture readings for each Sunday in Advent take us along a journey of **waiting and preparing** for the birth of the Savior. Each week, the Prophets (Isaiah & company), and the Gospel readings move us through our anticipation of Jesus' birth with themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

As you light your Advent Wreath each Sunday, say the prayer for that week. This is a wonderful ritual to do **before Sunday dinner** so the warm glow of the candles can be a **reminder of the Light of Christ** to come as you share a meal with loved ones. For families with children, encourage your children, who are able, to light the candles and lead the prayers.

Week 1: Hope (light 1 purple candle)

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2: Peace (light 2 purple candles)

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3: Joy (light 2 purple candles and 1 pink "joy!" candle)

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4: Love (light all 4 candles)

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

- Prayers from DynamicCatholic.com

