

Advent Wreath Prayers

First Sunday in Advent - Light the **first purple** candle.

This is the **Candle of Hope**. It is a sign that God is with us, encouraging us on our way.



Blessing for the First Candle:

O, Lord, fill us with a longing for you. Help us to be open and eager, as we wait for your coming with joy and excitement. In the busy days ahead, keep us in your sight. Let us remember that it is you, our Lord, for whom we are preparing. *Amen.*

Second Sunday in Advent - Light the **first and the second purple** candles.

The second candle is the **Candle of Peace**. It is a reminder that Jesus came to share God's peace with all.

Blessing for the Second Candle:

O, Lord, as we prepare for your coming, let us reflect your love in all we say and do. Encourage us to be people of peace and let your peace reign in our hearts and minds this Advent Season. *Amen.*

Third Sunday in Advent - Light the first **two purple** candles and the **pink** candle, the **Candle of Joy**. It is a sign that God has promised us life in abundance.

Blessing for the Third Candle:

O, Lord, this is a time for caring and sharing. Help us open our hearts fully to others. Let our faces radiate the joy of your coming so that everyone we meet will know of you and the gift of life you bring. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday in Advent - **light all the candles**, the last one is called the **Candle of Love**. It is a sign of God's generous care and concern for all.

Blessing for the Fourth Candle:

O Lord, you are the Light of the World. Help us to see your will. Always be with us so that we will come to know and love you in many ways. Teach us to recognize you in those we meet and in all of creation. *Amen*