

# Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath: Week 1

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**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Leader:** O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week in Advent.*

## **FIRST WEEK:**

*After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle.*

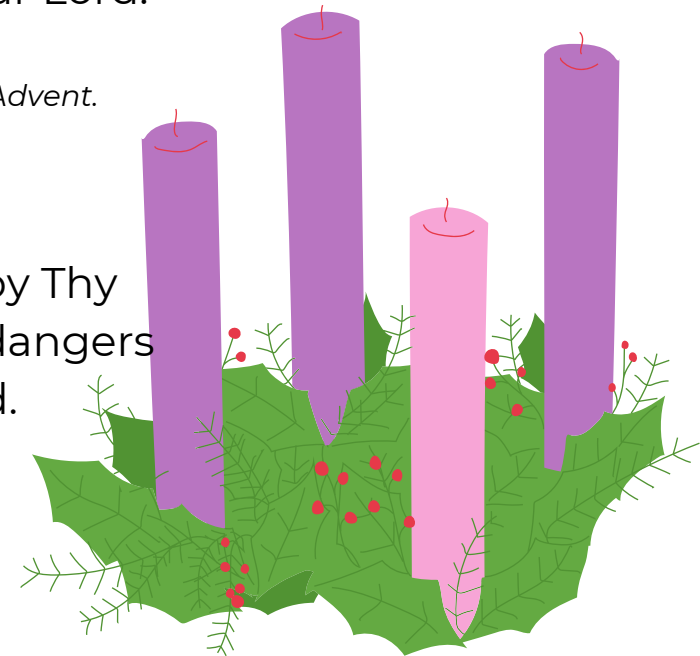
*(Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)*

**Leader:** O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, That by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The candle is allowed to burn during the meal for the first week.*

*Some families like to end by singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*



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**All:** Amen.

*Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the second week in Advent.*

## **SECOND WEEK:**

*After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first & second purple candle.*

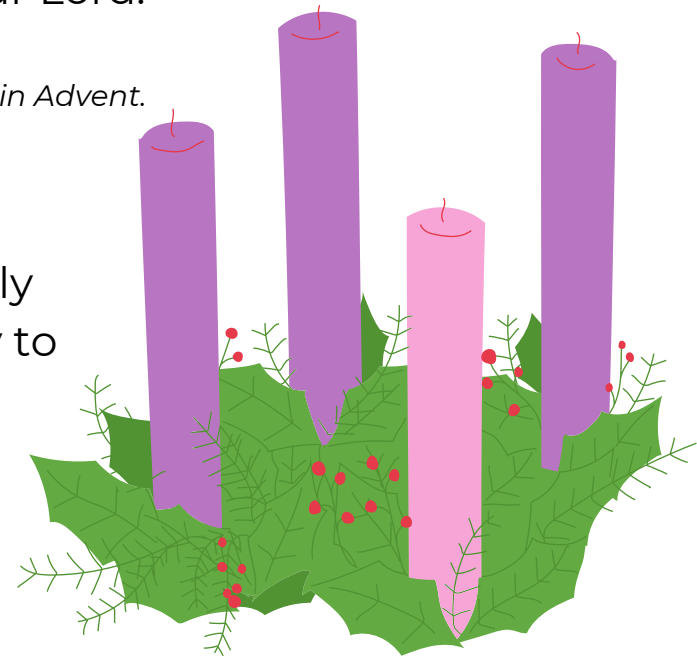
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**Leader:** O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

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**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Leader:** O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the third week in Advent.*

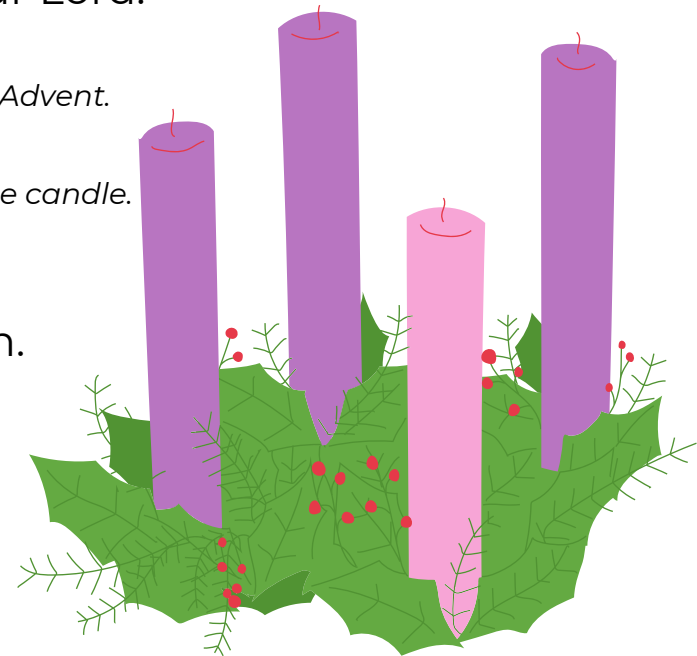
## **THIRD WEEK:**

*After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first & second purple candle and the rose candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)*

**Leader:** O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The candles are allowed to burn during the meal for the third week. Some families like to end by singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*



# Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath: Week 4

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**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Leader:** O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the fourth week in Advent.*

## **FOURTH WEEK:**

*After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights all the candles*

*(Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)*

**Leader:** O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The candles are allowed to burn during the meal for the fourth week.*

*Some families like to end by singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

