

**Daily Scripture citations:**

**Advent I: Hope**

Sunday- 1 Thess. 5:1-5

Monday- 2 Peter 1:16-19

Tuesday- Romans 3:21-24

Wednesday- Romans 8:31-35

Thursday- Romans 8:18-25

Friday- Romans 8:28-29

Saturday- Isaiah 43:1-7

**Advent III: Rejoice (pink candle)**

Sunday- Philippians 4: 4-7

Monday- Isaiah 25:1-5

Tuesday- Isaiah 25:6-9

Wednesday- Isaiah 27:1-6

Thursday- Isaiah 35:10

Friday- Isaiah 43:1-3

Saturday- Isaiah 7:14-16

**Advent II: Repentance**

Sunday- 2 Peter 3:8-10

Monday- Romans 3:25-26

Tuesday- Isaiah 14:28-32

Wednesday- Romans 7:21-25

Thursday- Psalm 103:8-12

Friday- Romans 8:36-39

Saturday- Joel 2:10-13

**Advent IV: Submission to God**

Sunday- Isaiah 11:1-6

Monday- Isaiah 11:10-12

Tuesday- 2 Peter 1:1-4

Wednesday- Isaiah 55:1-7

Thursday- Isaiah 9:2-7

Friday- Isaiah 42:1-4

Saturday- Isaiah 42:8-10

**Christmas Day:** Philippians 2:1-7 (substitute for above, in week 4)

*CELEBRATING  
ADVENT  
AT HOME*



## Lighting the Advent Wreath

v. Come and save us, O Lord of hosts.

**R. COME AND SAVE US, O LORD OF HOSTS!**

**All: Show us the light of your countenance**

**And we shall be saved; for you come in mercy.**

The Candle(s) are lit.

A Reading from Holy Scripture (Page 4)

v. The Lord draws near.

**R. COME LET US ADORE HIM**

v. The Lord be with you;

**R. And also with you.**

v. Let us pray.

(Prayer for the appropriate week of Advent; page 3)

v. Let us bless the Lord!

**R. THANKS BE TO GOD!!**

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### ***Tips for keeping Advent as a special time apart for God:***

*Avoid singing Christmas carols (as much as possible) before Christmas Eve!!!*

*Traditional disciplines are to seek quiet times in prayer, meditation, reading scripture, or caring for others who are ill or in need.*

*Playfully anticipate the birth of Jesus. Set up your crèche scene without the infant. Display the 3 Kings and their camels on the far side of the room, and advance them slowly to the crèche through the month.*

*Look in the hymnal for the section of hymns for Advent, and read the lyrics as poetry. They teach the theology of Advent.*

### **Prayer for Advent, week 1:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, And put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, In which Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the Last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge Both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer for Advent, week 2:**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer for Advent, week 3:**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer for Advent, week 4:**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer for Christmas Day:**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be Glory forever. Amen.