

Advent Prayer



Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. When he humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ will come again in his glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosana in the highest.
Amen.**

**Sunday – November 28, 2021
First Sunday of the Advent**

**The first Candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent.
It is called the Prophecy Candle and reminds us that Jesus' coming was
prophesied hundreds of years before He was born.
The candle's purple colour represents Christ's royalty as the King of Kings.
Suggested Bible Reading: Isaiah 1:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37**

**Prayer as we light the first Advent Candle - the Candle of Hope
(The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus)**



**Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come,
that by thy protection we may be rescued
from the dangers that beset us through our
sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who
livest and reignest with God the Father in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world
without end. Amen.**

**Sunday - December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of the Advent**

The second candle, lit on the second Sunday of Advent along with the first candle, is the Bethlehem candle, reminding us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

**It too is purple, reminding us that it was a King Who was born in the manger.
Suggested Bible reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8**

**Prayer as we light the second Advent Candle - The Candle of Peace
(The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus)**



**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the paths of
thine Only-begotten Son: that we may worthily
serve thee with hearts purified by His coming:
Who livest and reignest with God the Father in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world
without end. Amen.**

**Sunday - December 13, 2021
Third Sunday of the Advent**

The third candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent with the first two, is the Shepherds' candle. We are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ. This candle is pink and represents God's love and faithfulness. Suggested Bible reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 and John 1:6-8

**Prayer as we light the third Advent Candle -The Candle of Love
(John The Baptist)**



We beseech thee to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of thy coming enlighten our darkened minds: Thou who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday - December 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday of the Advent**

The fourth candle, lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent, is the Angel's candle. As we light this flame, we are reminded of the heavenly hosts that proclaimed Christ's arrival with "Behold, I bring unto you good tiding of great joy!" The Angel candle is also purple, reminding us that it was a King's birth the angels were announcing.

Suggested Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:26-38

**Prayer as we light the fourth Advent Candle - The Candle of Joy (Pink candle)
(Mary the Mother of Jesus)**



**Thank you God for the joy you give us.
We ask that as we wait for all your promises to
come true, and for Christ to come again, that
you would remain present with us.
Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to
hear your word, and to do your will by sharing
your joy with each other.
We ask it in the name of the one who was born
in Bethlehem. Amen.**

**Saturday - December 25, 2021
Christmas Day**

Last Candle. Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

Prayer as we light the white Christ candle now - The Last Candle

"The Birth of Christ"



**Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby;
yet we know that you are God
and you are with us.**

**May the flame of this candle remind us that
you are the light of the world and that if we
follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but
will have the true light of life.**

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.