



BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

The family gathers around the Advent Wreath - 3 purple candles and one pink. Prayer may be repeated each Sunday of Advent as another candle is lit. Wreath could be put on the dining table or another place in the home where it will be seen often by the entire family.

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah

9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as men make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
And the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child* is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.-"
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
From David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
By judgment and justice,
both now and forever.

Leader: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, God with us, the hope of the peoples he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Before Meals During Advent

Leader: Father, we thank you for all you have given us. The gift of life, of family and friends and food that strengthens and nourishes us. You loved us so much that you sent your Son Jesus to become part of our lives, to forgive us and save us and show us your care for us. Be with us this Season to help us prepare the way for His coming.

Together: Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer After Meals During Advent

Leader: Let us live kind, just and holy lives as we get ready for the coming of Jesus.

Together: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. We give you thanks Almighty God for these gifts and all Thy benefits which we have received from Thy bounty through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.