

## Blessing the Advent Wreath at Home

*All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R/.** Who made heaven and earth.

*Read Isaiah 9: 1-6*

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.*

*You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.*

*For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

*With hands joined, the leader says:*

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son,  
Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel,  
the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Saviour 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.

**R/.** Amen.

## Praying with Your Advent Wreath During the Week

### **First Week**

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will  
for doing good that Christ may find in us  
an eager welcome at his coming.

May he call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, forever and ever.

Amen

### **Second Week**

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome.

Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy  
so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him  
when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

### **Third Week**

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward  
to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation  
and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **Fourth Week**

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word  
took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary  
placed her life at the service of your plan.

Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice  
which announces his glory,

and open our minds to receive the Spirit  
who prepares us for his coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## *An Advent Blessing*

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds,*  
**In the battles of the day and the anxieties of the night.**

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds,*  
**When folks are unreasonable and circumstances challenge you.**

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds,*  
**When those you love misunderstand and fail to appreciate.**

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds,*  
**When the pressure's too great and threatens to overwhelm you.**

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds,*  
**When mountains and mole hills all look alike.**

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds,*  
**Because of Jesus, and his extraordinary compassion.**

*May the peace of God enrich your hearts and minds.*

# PRAYERS TO USE WITH YOUR ADVENT WREATH



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