

Family Advent Prayers

Each Sunday of Advent, the family gathers around the Advent wreath and lights an additional candle.

The following prayers can be used:



First Sunday: (light one candle)

Dear God, bless this wreath and help our family to remember that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, the Son of God, who is true man and true God.



Second Sunday: (light two candles)

Dear God, as we watch mothers and fathers prepare for Christmas, we think about Mary, Mother of Jesus, and Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, who lovingly took care of baby Jesus. Help us to be thankful for those who lovingly take care of us.



Third Sunday: (light three candles, including pink)

Now Jesus' birthday is nearer. We think of praying to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We say, "Thank you, God, for Jesus — your Gift to us."



Fourth Sunday: (light four candles)

Now Jesus' birthday is very near. May his birthday bring joy and happiness to all of us as we try to be more like Jesus every day.