

# ADVENT WREATH

## On the fourth Sunday in Advent

- Light all the purple and rose candles
- Read Isaiah 9:6-7
- Pray something like this:

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. We who live in tension and strife have found peace in the promise of eternal life, through Jesus. We give you thanks and praise in His name, because He lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## On the first Sunday in Advent

- Light one purple candle
- Read Isaiah 60:2-3
- Pray something like this:

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ, our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## On Christmas Eve after sundown or on Christmas Day

*(if you have a fifth white candle in the centre)*

- Light all the purple candles and the white candle
- Read Luke 1:68-79 and Luke 2:1-20
- Pray something like this:

We praise you, Lord God, because on this day, your Word became flesh in our Saviour Jesus Christ, was born of a woman, and walked among us as a man. Help us to imitate your incarnation, by showing our faith in our actions as well as in our speech. To you, O Lord, we give our honour, praise, worship, and love, in the most holy and precious name of the One who is born today; because He lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## On the second Sunday in Advent

- Light two purple candles
- Read Mark 1:4
- Pray something like this:

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who is the way. We who like sheep have gone astray have found the way to you through Jesus. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## On the third Sunday in Advent

- Light two purple candles and the rose coloured candle.
- Read Isaiah 35:10
- Pray something like this:

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who brings us great joy. We who have walked in the shadow of the valley of death have found life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in His name, because He lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

