



CANDLE PRAYERS

THE DAILY PRAYER PROJECT



ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
2020 - 2021



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

THEME

Longing

SCRIPTURE

Wait for the LORD; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!
(Psalm 27:14)

PRAYER

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in *longing*,
waiting for our coming Savior, Jesus,
who will come again to make all things new.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

THEME

Lament

SCRIPTURE

Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
(Psalm 90:13)

PRAYER

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in *lament*,
grieving for our broken world
that Jesus, our Savior, will come to heal.
He will wipe away every tear.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(GAUDETE¹ SUNDAY)
DECEMBER 13TH, 2020**

THEME

Joy

SCRIPTURE

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . .”
(from the *Magnificat*, Luke 1:46–47)

PRAYER

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in *joy*,
the joy that we have in Jesus,
our Messiah and greatest treasure.
He loves us with an everlasting love.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20TH, 2020**

THEME

Peace

SCRIPTURE

Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
(from the *Benedictus*, Luke 1:78–79)

PRAYER

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in *peace*,
the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.
He has reconciled us to the Father and to one another.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



¹ Gaudete (gow-DET-eh) means “rejoice” in Latin. The color of this Sunday is rose (or pink).

**CHRISTMAS DAY
& THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS²
DECEMBER 25TH, 2020 - JANUARY 5TH, 2021**

THEME

Incarnation

SCRIPTURE

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14)

PRAYER

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world,
was born among us!
The light of his glory will shine forever
and will scatter all the darkness away.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD³
JANUARY 6TH, 2021**

THEME

Manifestation

SCRIPTURE

My eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”
(from the *Nunc Dimittis*, Luke 2:30–32)

PRAYER

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world,
has revealed himself to all nations and people
and has made them a kingdom and priests to our God.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!



² All of the candles in the wreath can be lit daily to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas, repeating the Christmas prayer above. Follow the guided prayer of the Daily Prayer Project for these days.

³ For Epiphany, more candles can be added to the display.