

Advent Wreath Prayer  
Week 1

Let us pray.  
Stir up Your might we beg  
You Lord, and come, so that  
we may escape through  
Your protection and be  
saved by Your help from the  
dangers that threaten us  
because of our sins. Who  
lives and reigns forever and  
ever.  
Amen

Advent 2009  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Gospel  
Reading

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

“Be vigilant at all times and  
pray that you have the  
strength to escape the  
tribulations that are  
imminent...”

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Are you praying as much as  
you should or could? Are  
you doing all you can to  
learn more about your  
faith?

Think this week about  
hope. How can you share  
the hope of God with  
others?

The word Advent comes  
from the Latin term  
“coming.” Advent is a time  
of waiting. We recall the  
time of waiting for the birth  
of Christ and we wait for  
Christ’s coming again.

It is a time to prepare for  
this coming.

Advent Wreath Prayer  
Week 2

Let us pray.  
O Lord, stir up our hearts  
that we may prepare for  
your only begotten Son,  
that through His coming,  
we may be made worthy to  
serve you with pure souls.  
Through the same Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen.

Advent 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Gospel  
Reading

Luke 3:1-6

“Prepare the way of the  
Lord, make straight his  
paths....and all flesh shall  
see the salvation of God.”

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John the Baptist told  
everyone to prepare for  
Jesus to come. Are you  
ready? Are your paths  
straight?

Think this week about  
peace. How can you bring  
more peace to your soul  
and to those around you?

The Advent wreath has  
been a part of Catholic  
tradition for centuries.

The green, circular  
branches represent the  
everlasting life and love  
given to us by Jesus. Green  
is also a sign of hope.

Advent Wreath Prayer  
Week 3

Let us pray.  
We humbly beg you, O  
Lord, to listen to our  
prayers; and by the grace of  
your coming bring light into  
our darkened minds. Who  
lives and reigns forever and  
ever.  
Amen.

Advent 2009  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Gospel  
Reading

Luke 3:10-18

“I am baptizing you with  
water, but one mightier  
than I is coming....  
He will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire.”

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John told others about  
Jesus. Do you tell others  
about Jesus?

Think this week about joy.  
Are you joyful? Do your  
actions bring joy to others?

The candles of the Advent  
wreath remind us that Jesus  
is the light of the world.  
The purple candles  
represent at time of  
preparation and  
anticipation.  
The pink candle represents  
our joy in knowing Jesus'  
birth is near.

Advent Wreath Prayer  
Week 4

Let us pray.  
Stir up your might, we pray  
You O Lord, and come;  
rescue us through Your  
great strength so that  
salvation, which has been  
hindered by our sins, may  
be hastened by the grace of  
Your gentle mercy. Who  
lives and reigns forever and  
ever. Amen.

Advent 2009  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gospel  
Reading

Luke 1:39-45

“Blessed are you who  
believed that what was  
spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.”

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Mary didn't fully  
understand but she fully  
trusted God. How have you  
trusted God?

Think this week about love.  
How do you show your love  
for God and others?

In Mark 6:31 Jesus tells the  
disciples to “rest a while.”  
Advent is a time for us to do  
the same: calm down, get  
away from the crowds, rest  
and be quiet for a while. Be  
sure to make this Advent  
season a time of prayer and  
rest with the Lord.