

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 2011
1st Sunday Gospel
Reading

Mark 13:33-37

“Jesus said to his disciples:
‘Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come.’”

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We do not know when
Jesus will come again. Will
you be ready?

Think this week about how
you can prepare for the
second coming of Christ.
How can you help others
prepare?

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 2011
2nd Sunday Gospel
Reading

Mark 1:1-8

“Behold, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in
the desert: ‘Prepare the way
of the Lord, make straight his
paths.’”

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The scriptures give us many
reasons for hope. Can you
find passages about hope?
Do you act in ways that
show you have hope in the
Lord?

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

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 2011
3rd Sunday Gospel
Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

"I baptize with water; but
there is one among you
whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after
me, whose sandal strap I am
not worthy to untie."

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Jesus is the Light of the
World, He brings light to
the darkness. How can you
be a light for others? Can
you bring them the light of
Christ?

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 2011
4th Sunday Gospel
Reading

Luke 1:26-38

“Mary said, ‘Behold, I am
the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.’”

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Today’s scripture covers the
visitation of the Gabriel to
Mary. Though she didn’t
fully understand, she
answered, “Yes” to God.
Have you said “Yes” when
called by 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.