

Prayers for Advent and Lighting the Advent Wreath

Following are more ideas for prayer with your Advent Wreath. The best prayers are simple enough for your child to understand. The best prayers are often repeated, so they become familiar and comforting. You can write a different prayer for each week of Advent to pray before lighting the Advent wreath candles for the week. Here are sample prayers for each week of Advent.



Prayer for the First Week of Advent: *Come, Lord Jesus! Open our minds and hearts and souls as we wait for you to be born again in our lives and in our family. Help us to experience your love in our family throughout Advent.*

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent: *Come, Lord Jesus! Bring peace and healing into our family and our world. May we hear again your own prayer— "that we may be one. " May we prepare the way for you by being generous and forgiving.*

Prayer for the Third Week of Advent: *Come, Lord Jesus! Come and stay with our family and friends—and all who are dear to us. May your light shine brightly so we can see you everywhere.. Help us to spread your light and joy by giving freely and happily to all we meet.*

Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent: *Come, Lord Jesus! We hunger, we thirst, we wait for you! Come, Lord Jesus and do not delay!*

As I shared last year, I know one family that invented an Advent prayer for their small children, and are still using it 25 years later, when the youngest is now 22. It is a family tradition:

Let the bells ring

Let the children sing

God loves everyone

God loves me