

# Living Your Faith At Home



The Catholic Advent wreath features four candles, each representing one of the four Sundays of Advent and symbolizing hope, peace, joy, and love.

Each Sunday, a new candle is lit, gradually increasing the light as Christmas approaches.



Each time you light the **first** candle during **the week of Advent starting on December 1**, a corresponding Bible verse and prayer can be said.

The **Prophecy Candle** represents HOPE (purple candle). It reminds us of the hope we have in God and the promise of Jesus coming to save us. The color purple is special during Advent as it reminds us to prepare, make sacrifices, and think about Jesus' coming

**A message for the week:** This week, we remember how prophets long ago told people about Jesus' coming. They gave everyone hope!

**Bible verse:** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." – Isaiah 9:2

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, as we light this candle, help us slow down and think about what is most important. Let your light bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and friends, and help us care for those in need. Amen.



Each time you light the **second** candle during **the week of Advent starting on December 8**, a corresponding Bible verse and prayer can be said.

The **Bethlehem Candle** represents PEACE (purple candle). We recall how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a humble stable.

**A message for the week:** This week, we think about being ready for Jesus. Just like Mary and Joseph prepared for Jesus, we can work on being kind and loving.

**Bible verse:** "Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." – Luke 2:7

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, you came to bring peace. Help us become the best version of ourselves and share your peace with others, especially those who need it most. Amen.



Each time you light the **third** candle during **the week of Advent starting on December 15**, a corresponding Bible verse and prayer can be said.

The **Shepherd's Candle** represents JOY (pink candle). Pink stands for joy and happiness, and the shepherds felt great joy when they heard about the birth of Jesus.

**A message for the week:** We feel joy as we get closer to Christmas and remember how the shepherds felt when they heard the good news of Jesus' birth.

**Bible verse:** "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.' For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." – Luke 2:8-11

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, this week, help us find joy even when life is busy. Let us remember how much happiness your love brings into our lives. Amen.



Each time you light the **fourth** candle during **the week of Advent starting on December 22**, a corresponding Bible verse and prayer can be said.

The **Angel's Candle** represents LOVE (purple candle). The angels shared the amazing news of Jesus' birth, singing, "Glory to God in the highest!"

**A message for the week:** As Christmas gets close, we think about God's great love for us, shown through the birth of Jesus.

**Bible verse:** "And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" – Luke 2:13-14

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for your amazing love. Help us share your love with everyone we meet. As Christmas comes, we open our hearts to you. Amen.



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