



2009 Advent Wreath Blessings

First Sunday in Advent

Holy are you, God of power and glory; you promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people. As we light this candle, open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come save us. (*Light one candle.*)

Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen

Second Sunday in Advent

Holy are you, God of righteousness and peace; you promised to wait with patience for all to come to repentance, and to send your prophet to cry in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. As we light these candles, open our ears to hear you speak tenderly to your people; open our hearts to welcome you as a shepherd who gently leads the flock. Comfort us, O God, and forgive the sin of your people. (*Light two candles.*)

Reveal your glory to us, and speak to us your word of peace. Amen.

Third Sunday in Advent

Holy are you, God of the brokenhearted and oppressed; you promised to send your chosen one who gives a garland instead of ashes to those who mourn; who brings down the powerful and lifts the lowly. And we light these candles, open our lips to testify to the true light coming into the world who enlightens everyone. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the desert. (*Light three candles.*)

Reveal your truth to us, and fill our mouths with shouts of joy that declare the great things you have done for us. Amen

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Holy are you, God of steadfast love and faithfulness; you promised to make a covenant with your chosen ones, to establish the throne of your servant David forever. As we light these candles, open our hearts to the mystery of the incarnation revealed to your servant Mary and plant your word in us that it may grow and prosper. Show us your favor, O Rock of our salvation. (*Light four candles.*)

Reveal your love to us, and strength us for service in your name. Amen.