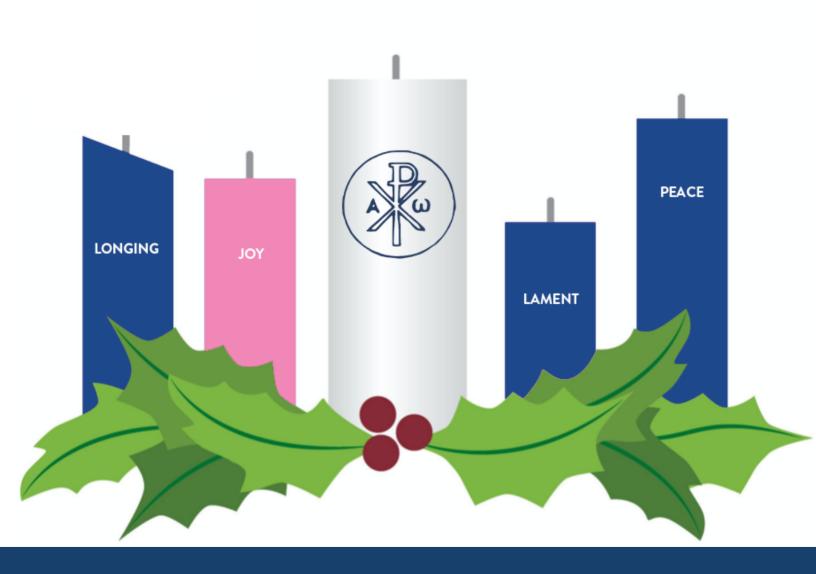


## CANDLE PRAYERS

THE DAILY PRAYER PROJECT



ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY 2020 - 2021

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

### **THEME**

Longing

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! (Psalm 27:14)

### **PRAYER**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in *longing*,
waiting for our coming Savior, Jesus,
who will come again to make all things new.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

### THEME

Lament

### **SCRIPTURE**

Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! (Psalm 90:13)

### **PRAYER**

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in lament,
grieving for our broken world
that Jesus, our Savior, will come to heal.
He will wipe away every tear.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE¹ SUNDAY) DECEMBER 13TH, 2020

### **THEME**

Joy

#### **SCRIPTURE**

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . ."

(from the Magnificat, Luke 1:46–47)

### **PRAYER**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in joy,
the joy that we have in Jesus,
our Messiah and greatest treasure.
He loves us with an everlasting love.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

### THEME

Peace

### **SCRIPTURE**

Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
(from the Benedictus, Luke 1:78–79)

### **PRAYER**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in peace,
the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

He has reconciled us to the Father and to one another.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gaudete (gow-DET-eh) means "rejoice" in Latin. The color of this Sunday is rose (or pink).

# CHRISTMAS DAY & THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS<sup>2</sup> DECEMBER 25TH, 2020 - JANUARY 5TH, 2021

### **THEME**

Incarnation

#### **SCRIPTURE**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

### **PRAYER**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world,
was born among us!
The light of his glory will shine forever
and will scatter all the darkness away.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD<sup>3</sup> JANUARY 6TH, 2021

#### **THEME**

Manifestation

### **SCRIPTURE**

My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

(from the Nunc Dimittis, Luke 2:30–32)

### **PRAYER**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world,
has revealed himself to all nations and people
and has made them a kingdom and priests to our God.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All of the candles in the wreath can be lit daily to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas, repeating the Christmas prayer above. Follow the guided prayer of the Daily Prayer Project for these days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For Epiphany, more candles can be added to the display.