

ADVENT

Blessing of the

ADVENT WREATH



Three violet candles for penance and hope; one rose candle for Gaudete joy.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The wreath may be sprinkled with holy water. Light the candles each evening, at the family meal or night prayers.



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Prayers for Lighting

THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Collects of the Sundays of Advent · Roman Missal

FIRST WEEK



Light one violet candle

Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins we may deserve to be rescued by Thy protection and saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **R. Amen.**

SECOND WEEK



Light two violet candles

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end. **R. Amen.**

THIRD WEEK · GAUDETE



Light two violet candles and the rose candle · “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

Incline Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **R. Amen.**

FOURTH WEEK



Light all four candles

Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come, and succour us with great might: that by the help of Thy grace, the mercy of Thy pardon may hasten what our sins delay. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **R. Amen.**

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