

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

God our Father,
Your son Jesus is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your infinite love for us.
Help us to open our hearts to that love during the weeks of Advent
as we wait and prepare for His coming.
Let your blessing be upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HOPE Week 1

Leader: We light the first candle on the Advent wreath to begin this season of hope, preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We think of ways to open our hearts as we pray:

All: Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts we pray. Amen.

FAITH Week 2

Leader: We light the second candle and give you thanks Lord for the gift of faith. Keep us close to you. Help us to see your presence in the people and the situations we encounter each day.

All: Dear God, help us see the gifts and talents you gave us. Teach us to use our gifts for the good of others and the glory of your Son, Jesus.



JOY Week 3

Leader: We light the third candle, realizing our Savior is near! We thank you for the joy we feel in our hearts as Christmas draws closer. Keep us focused on You, dear Lord.

All: Jesus, help us to find joy by being grateful for all our blessings. Show us how we can spread that joy to our family and friends through small acts of love. Help us reflect your light to others. Amen.

PEACE Week 4

Leader: Jesus, you came to be light in our darkness, peace in our conflicts, and joy in our sadness. Thank you for showing us how to live as God's children.

All: Loving God, soon the whole world will celebrate the birth of your Son Jesus. Help us to live in your grace, always being aware of the needs of others, always spreading your love, joy and peace to all we meet. Amen.