

Advent Wreath Prayer



The Annunciation, Fra Angelico, c. 1425-1426, Museo del Prado

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

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 Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

(The wreath is sprinkled with holy water.)

The Candle Prayers

Each week of Advent, light the candles for that week each evening and pray the prayer below, the Collect of that Sunday from the traditional Roman Missal. Advent begins Sunday, November 29, 2026.

First Week

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 to be saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Second Week

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Third Week

Incline Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Fourth Week

O Lord, we beseech Thee, stir up Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us: that by the help of Thy grace that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.