



# DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

## Praying Every Day - Advent Family Prayer

### Week One

### Lighting of the First Candle

Father, as we light our First Advent Candle this week  
we wait for the coming of your Son,  
we ask your blessing on each of us.  
Free us from any worry or distress that we may have  
and help us to welcome your light into our lives,  
a light that gives us the gift of hope.  
May your hope fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the First Sunday of Advent!

- ❖ 'No one has ever heard or seen a God like you.' (Is 64:2)
- ❖ 'We will never turn away from you again' (Ps 80:18a)
- ❖ 'May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.' (1 Cor 1:3)
- ❖ 'Be on watch, be alert, you do not know when the time will come.' (Mk 13:33)



Week Two  
**Lighting of the Second Candle**

Loving God, as we light our First Advent Candle this week  
we wait for the coming of your Son,  
we ask your blessing on each of us.  
Free us from any worry or distress that we may have  
and help us to welcome your light into our lives,  
a light that gives us the gift of peace  
May your hope fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the Second Sunday of Advent!

- ❖ 'The Sovereign Lord is coming...He will take care of his flock like a shepherd; (Is 40:10a-11a)
- ❖ Lord, you have forgiven your people's sins.' (Ps 85:2)
- ❖ 'Your lives should be holy and dedicated to God.' (2 Pet 3: 11b)
- ❖ 'Get the road ready for the Lord, make a straight path for him to travel.' (Mark 1:3)



## Week Three

### Lighting of the Third Candle

Loving God, on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.  
As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son,  
we ask your blessing on each of us.

Open our hearts to the good news that you bring to us  
and help us to welcome your light into our lives,  
a light that gives us the gift of joy.

May we see that our deepest joy comes from knowing you.

May this joy fill our heart, our minds, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the Third Sunday of Advent!

- ❖ He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor (Is 61:1b)
- ❖ My heart praises the Lord (Luke 1:46a)
- ❖ Be joyful at all time, always pray, be thankful in all circumstances
- ❖ I baptise with water, but among you stands the one you do not know (John 1:26)



## Week Four

### Lighting of the Fourth Candle

Loving God, on this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.  
As we make our final preparations to celebrate the  
birth of your Son,  
We ask your blessing on each of us.  
Help us to welcome your light into our lives,  
A light that gives us the gift of love.  
You showed us the greatness of your love  
in Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.  
You love us with an everlasting love.  
May your love fill our heart, our minds, and our home.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
Together we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

This week why not start your day with one of the following prayer phrases taken from the Scripture readings of the Fourth Sunday of Advent!

- ❖ I (God) have been with you, wherever you have gone (2 Sam 7:9)
- ❖ I will sing forever of your love O Lord. (Psalm 89:1)
- ❖ Let us give glory to God! (Romans 16:27)
- ❖ I am the Lord's Servant. (Lk 1:38)

