

ADVENT BLESSING IN THE HOME \*\*\*\*\*  
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE FAMILY GATHERS FOR THE BLESSING OF THE  
ADVENT WREATH BY THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY:

Father: Our help is in the Name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Father: 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. ALL: Amen.

(He sprinkles the wreath with Holy Water. Then the youngest child lights the first candle, and the prayer for the first week is said.)

Father: Let us Pray: Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Through Christ our Lord. ALL: Amen.

(During the First Week one candle is left burning during the evening meal. Two candles are lighted on the Second Sunday to burn during the 2nd. Week.

Father: Let us pray: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Through Christ our Lord. ALL: Amen.

(Three candles, include the rose candle, are lighted on Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd. Sunday, and during that week. The following prayer is said:

Father: Let us pray: We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers: and by the Grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ALL: Amen.

(All four candles are lighted on the Fourth Sunday (Dec. 24th.) and burn for that one day only. The next day is Christmas.

Father: Let us pray: O Lord Almighty God, tomorrow is the birthday of Your Son. We eagerly look forward to the adorable birthday of Thy Son. Grant that we may also receive His everlasting gifts with joy; Who lives and rules with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. ALL: Amen.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READINGS:

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday Isaiah: Chap. 2(1-5)  
Tuesday Isaiah: Chap. 11(1-10)  
Wednesday Zephaniah: Chap. 3(14-20)  
Thursday Isaiah: Chap. 61(1-11)  
Friday Isaiah: Chap. 7(10-14)  
Saturday Isaiah: Chap. 35 (1-10)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday: Isaiah: Chap. 62(11-12)  
Tuesday: Micah: Chap. 5(1-4)  
Wednesday; St. Luke Chap. 1(26-38)  
Thursday: St. Luke Chap. 1(39-45)  
Friday: St. Luke Chap. 1(46-56)  
Saturday: St. Luke Chap. 1(57-66)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday: Isaiah: Chap. 64(1-11)  
Tuesday: Jeremiah: Chap. 33(14-16)  
Wednesday: St. Paul to the Philippians  
Chap. 4(4-9)  
Thursday: Baruch: Chap. 5(1-9)  
Friday: Isaiah: Chap. 40(1-12)  
Saturday: Isaiah: Chap. 52(7-10)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT:

CHRISTMAS EVE:  
Sunday: Christmas Eve:  
St. Luke Chap. 1(67-79)  
Monday: Christmas Day:  
St. Matthew Chap.  
1(1-25)

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MY ENEMIES LAUGH AT ME: FOR NONE OF THEM THAT WAIT ON THEE  
SHALL BE CONFOUNDED. SHOW, O LORD, THY WAYS TO ME, AND TEACH  
ME THY PATHS.