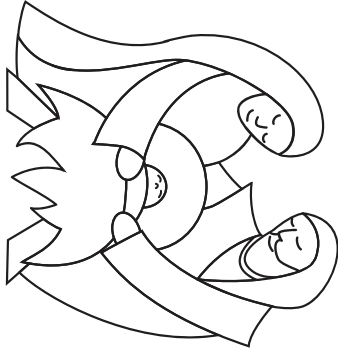


# Advent unwrapped



## Prayers for the Whole Family

"May grace and peace be yours in abundance."  
(1 Peter 1:2)



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### Advent Wreath Blessing

#### Week 1

What will become of the dream of hope and healing?

In... (name places where you are praying for hope and healing)

With... (name people in need of help)

#### Week 2

What will become of the dream of peace and justice?

In... (name places where you are praying for peace and justice)

With... (name people in need of wisdom)

#### Week 3

What will become of the dream of love and kindness?

In... (name places where you are praying for love and kindness)

With... (name people who demonstrate love incarnate)

#### Week 4

What will become of the dream of joy and laughter?

In... (name places where you are praying for joy and laughter)

With... (name people in need of courage)



### ACTS OF PRAYER

Use this simple and old prayer formula to create your own daily prayer.

**A** Adoration: What do you love (or adore) about God?

**C** Confession: What are you sorry for? What are you sad about?

**T** Thanksgiving: What are you thankful for?

**S** Supplication: What do you need help with?

### Prayers for Your Day

#### Morning Prayers

For each new morning with its light;

For rest and shelter of the night;

For health and food;

For love and friends;

For everything Thy goodness sends.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Day by day,

may my hope grow deep.

Likkle by likkle,

may my peace grow strong.

Petit à petit,

may my joy grow free.

Poco a poco,

may my love grow wide.

Until we are one.

#### Each Week

*Candle is lit (moment of silence)*

We wonder and wait for Christ's hope\* on this journey.

Although there are no simple answers or easy paths.

May we find the courage

to keep on advancing towards God's

dream of justice, peace, and

A love that lasts.

\**hope/peace/joy/love*

(John Oldham and Alydia Smith)

