

Advent Prayers at home

Adapted from Home Prayers in the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada.

On busy evenings, especially when a family can't be together, this shorter section may be observed by itself.

The Advent wreath may be placed on the table. One candle is lit in the first week of Advent. An additional candle is lit each week until Christmas Day. One who lights them (or one who helps a child light them) says the following:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Source of all light, send your Son Jesus Christ to shine in our dark world. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

An Advent hymn may be sung. See stjamescarletonplace.ca/advent for suggestions. The Collect from Sunday's handout may be read.

The Meal *if desired. Other forms for grace may be found on pp 694-695 of the BAS.*

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed. **Amen.**

Prayer may be offered, if not every evening, then perhaps at an intentional family meal that you commit to having once a week.

Intercession

*The following form may be used, with the response: **Lord, hear our prayer.***

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ, (for . . .).

We pray to you for our Christian family (especially for . . .) and for grace to grow in your love.

We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us, (especially . . .)

We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope (especially . . .).

We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love (especially . . .)

We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, and bless our home and our life together.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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