



# Prayers for lighting your Home's Advent Wreath

## The First Week

*Adult:* Loving God, stir up Your might, we ask of you, and come to our protection; that we may deserve to be rescued from the temptations of sin and granted Your salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night the first purple candle is lighted by the youngest child of the household and is left burning during the meal.

## The Second Week

*Adult:* Loving God, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for the coming of Your Son; that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle and both candles burn during the evening meal as before.

## The Third Week

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as *Gaudete*) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink as well as the two previously burned purple candles after the following prayer has been said.

*Adult:* Loving God, we ask that You listen to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The three candles are extinguished immediately following the meal.

## The Fourth Week

One of the adults of the household lights all four candles in proper sequence during the fourth week after repeating the following prayer.

*Adult:* Loving God, stir up Your might we pray, and come; with great might help us, that with Your grace, Your merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.