

## Advent Wreath Guide + Prayers

### **First week:**

One purple candle in the advent wreath is lit. During the rest of the week, this candle is relit during the evening meal or whenever there is time to gather for prayer

*Prayer:* Loving God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

#### Suggested scripture readings:

Isaiah 11: 1-10, Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-24

### **Second week:**

Two purple candles are lit and relit during each evening of the week.

*Prayer:* God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory for, he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### Suggested scripture readings:

Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11, Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 3:1-6

### **Third week:**

Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit and relit during each evening of the week.

*Prayer:* Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Suggested scripture readings:

Isaiah 9:6-7, John 1:19-34, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Philippians 2:1-11

### **Fourth week:**

Three purple candles and one pink candle are lit and relit each evening of the week.

*Prayer:* Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Holy Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Suggested scripture readings:

Malachi 3:1-5, Romans 8:18-25, Isaiah 52:7-10, Revelation 21:1-4