



Advent Household Prayer



Opening

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Light the Advent wreath or candle, if used, with care. The household may stand or sit quietly.

V. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

R. *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

V. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

R. *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

Psalm Verse

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Household Petition

O Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, prepare our hearts for Thy coming. Turn us from sin, strengthen our faith, and teach us to wait with patience and joy for the day of Thy appearing. Keep this household in Thy Word, and let every Advent prayer lead us to Thy mercy. Amen.

Advent Collect

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come; that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

Simple Advent Practices

Pray Morning or Evening Prayer; read the appointed Scriptures or a Gospel lesson; light the Advent wreath with care, if used; sing an Advent hymn; and give attention to repentance, mercy, and Christ's promise.

Weekly Use

Sunday. Pray after the Divine Service or before the evening meal, giving thanks for the Word preached.

Weekdays. Use the Psalm verse, Kyrie, household petition, and Jesus Prayer as a short evening devotion.

Saturday. Prepare for the Lord's Day by confessing sin, setting out Bible and hymnal, and praying for the Church.

Closing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. Amen.