



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS — ONE FOR EACH SUNDAY

The four Sunday collects of Advent, from the traditional Roman Missal

Lighting the candles at home with the Church's ancient Advent prayers



LATIN

INITIUM

✠. Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

✠. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

DOMINICA I ADVENTUS

Excita, quaesumus, Domine, potentiam
tuam, et veni:

ut ab imminentibus peccatorum nostrorum
periculis,
te mereamur protegente eripi,
te liberante salvari.

Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate
Spiritus Sancti, Deus,
per omnia saecula saeculorum.

✠. Amen.

ENGLISH

TO BEGIN (EVERY DAY)

✠. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

✠. Who made heaven and earth.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LIGHT ONE PURPLE CANDLE

Stir up thy power, we beseech thee, O Lord,
and come:

that from the threatening dangers of our sins
we may deserve to be rescued by thy
protection,

and saved by thy deliverance.

Who livest and reignest with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
world without end.

✠. Amen.

DOMINICA II ADVENTUS

Excita, Domine, corda nostra
ad praeparandas Unigeniti tui vias:
ut per eius adventum
purificatis tibi mentibus servire mereamur.
Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus
Sancti, Deus,
per omnia saecula saeculorum.
R. Amen.

DOMINICA III ADVENTUS (GAUDETE)

Aurem tuam, quaesumus, Domine,
precibus nostris accommoda:
et mentis nostrae tenebras
gratia tuae visitationis illustra.
Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate
Spiritus Sancti, Deus,
per omnia saecula saeculorum.
R. Amen.

DOMINICA IV ADVENTUS

Excita, quaesumus, Domine, potentiam
tuam, et veni:
et magna nobis virtute succurre;
ut per auxilium gratiae tuae,
quod nostra peccata praepediunt,
indulgentia tuae propitiationis acceleret.
Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate
Spiritus Sancti, Deus,
per omnia saecula saeculorum.
R. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY: LIGHT TWO PURPLE
CANDLES

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to make ready the ways of thine only-
begotten Son:
that through his coming
we may deserve to serve thee with purified
minds.
Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
world without end.
R. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY (GAUDETE): TWO
PURPLE CANDLES AND THE ROSE ONE

Incline thine ear, we beseech thee, O Lord,
to our prayers,
and enlighten the darkness of our minds
by the grace of thy visitation.
Who livest and reignest with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
world without end.
R. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY: LIGHT ALL FOUR
CANDLES

Stir up thy power, we beseech thee, O Lord,
and come,
and succour us with thy great might,
that by the help of thy grace
thy merciful forgiveness may hasten
what our sins impede.
Who livest and reignest with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
world without end.
R. Amen.

CONCLUSIO

☩. Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum.

☩. Aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.

TO END

☩. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One.

☩. Let the earth be opened, and bud forth a Saviour.

