

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT A5

Priest Celebrant

Be awake and diligent, my people,
as we pray for the peace and well-being
of Jerusalem and of all God's world:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

Option: "During Advent, please respond **Come, Lord Jesus!**"

That the Church be the sign of healing forgiveness in our wounded world,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our president, cabinet, and leaders everywhere embrace God's light
in the struggle against works of darkness,
let us pray to the Lord:

That desire for Jesus' return purify us of lust and promiscuity, rivalry and jealousy,
let us pray to the Lord:

That this new year of grace witness an increase of priestly vocations
and be a time of rededication to all our vocations and states in life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That love for Jesus and service of his poor characterize our observance of
Advent, Christmas, and a new year of grace,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [, and]
everyone burdened in mind or body entrust themselves to Jesus, who heals,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [and all]
our beloved dead dwell for ever in the divine light,
let us pray to the Lord:

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Instruct us in your ways, O Lord, and guide us in your paths,
this Advent, Christmas, and throughout a new year of grace.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Or, at the first Mass:

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, as your Church joyfully awaits the coming of her Savior,
to enlighten our hearts and dispel the darkness of ignorance and sin,
pour forth your blessings upon us, as we light the candles of this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT A5

Priest Celebrant Call on the Lord, who has pity on the lowly and the poor:

Deacon, Cantor, Reader

Option: "Our Advent response is **Come, Lord Jesus!**"

For the gift of prophecy, to discern and obey the Father's will
and to prepare the way of the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord:

For an Advent of recollection and a Christmas preparation
that reflect the poverty and simplicity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Let us pray to the Lord:

For our mayor, governor, president, legislators and judges;
for renewed trust between individuals and nations,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the safe-guarding of human life and the reverent sharing of God's gifts;
for the unemployed and underemployed,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the countless - especially children - who bear the brunt of war;
for the refugee, the homeless, the destitute,
let us pray to the Lord:

For conversion from fear and revenge, terrorism and genocide;
for religious tolerance, and ethnic, racial, and economic justice,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the security of our homes, schools, and public spaces;
for the sick and injured [in particular],
let us pray to the Lord:

For [,]
the victims of crime, war, and the many others who died this past week,
let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant Grant us, Father, to be in harmony with one another
and, with one voice, to glorify you,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT A5

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With confidence, let us voice our intentions to the Lord God,
who keeps faith for ever:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

Option: “Our Advent response is **Come, Lord Jesus!**”

Be with our Holy Father and his brother bishops, Lord,
to proclaim your truth and to summon the world to your salvation.
For this we pray:

Convert the heart set on crime, terror, war.
Sustain national leaders in maintaining security and in resolving conflicts.
For this we pray:

Purify the economic and business world of greed.
Enlighten consciences to provide family living wages.
For this we pray:

Implant your Spirit of reconciliation within us.
Make us patient and forgiving toward one another.
For this we pray:

Turn us from the materialism and excess of our culture,
to be mindful of your gifts and of our obligations to the poor.
For this we pray:

Make us intent on protecting the unborn and on
securing justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry,
dignity for the physically or mentally challenged.
For this we pray:

Be at the side of the war-injured. Be with our sick and their care-givers
[today especially],
For this we pray:

Raise up [,]
the victims of crime, war, and everyone else who awaits your return.
For this we pray:

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Strengthen our feeble hands, Father,
and make firm our weak knees,
as with joy we look for the coming of our Savior.
Who lives and reigns with you, now, and for ever.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT A5

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With confidence, ask anything of our Father,
be it deep as the netherworld or high as the sky:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

Option: "Our Advent response is **Come, Lord Jesus!**"

That St. Joseph's obedience be the model of faith
for our Church, diocese, and parish,
we pray to the Lord:

That the Holy Spirit overshadow the Church's catechumens
and candidates for the sacraments,
we pray to the Lord:

That husbands and wives grow in mutual trust;
that children know homes that embrace Jesus;
that the married desirous of children rejoice in the gift of parenthood,
we pray to the Lord:

That leaders of East and West submit to God's own peace;
that civilians rebuild their countries, and the military return to their homelands,
we pray to the Lord:

That Christmas be a consolation to the victims of crime, terror, war,
and to the many who mourn spouse or child, parent, relative, friend,
we pray to the Lord:

That these concluding days of Advent focus believing minds and hearts
on Emmanuel - God-with-us - and on his return in glory,
we pray to the Lord:

That our sick and their families abide in Emmanuel
[today in particular
we pray to the Lord:

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That [
everyone who has died this Advent arise in Christ Jesus,
we pray to the Lord:

and]

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Lord God and Father,
sustain us in Jesus' own holiness, grace, and peace,
to live with you, now in this world
and in your Kingdom to come. Through Christ our Lord.