

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, A

Priest Celebrant Be awake and diligent,
praying for the peace of Jerusalem and of all the earth:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader (Option: "Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**")

That the Church be the sign of forgiveness in a wounded world,
we pray:

That our president, cabinet, and all world leaders embrace God's light
in the struggle against works of darkness,
we pray:

That desire for Jesus' return purify us of lust and promiscuity, rivalry and jealousy,
we pray:

That this new year of grace witness an increase of priestly vocations
and be a time of renewal of all our vocations,
we pray:

That love for Jesus and service of his poor characterize our observance of
Advent, Christmas, and all this new year of grace,
we pray:

That our sisters and brothers burdened in mind or body
entrust themselves to Jesus,
we pray:

That [_____ , and all]
our beloved dead dwell for ever in the divine light,
we pray:

Priest Celebrant Instruct us in your ways, O Lord, and guide us in your paths,
this Advent and Christmas, and throughout this 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 its 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, A

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,
we pray:

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

For our president, governor, and mayor;
our legislators, judges, and public servants;
for renewed trust between people and nations,
we pray:

For the unemployed and underemployed;
for the reverent use and sharing of God's gifts,
we pray:

For the victims of terror and war in Syria, Afghanistan,
all the Near- and Mid-East;
for the safety of civilians and of the armed forces,
we pray:

For conversion from fear, revenge, and terrorism;
for religious tolerance; for ethnic, racial, and economic justice,
we pray:

For the safety of our homes, schools, and work places;
for the sick and injured, their families and care-givers,
we pray:

For [,]
our war dead, and everyone who has died this past week,
we pray:

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 with you for ever and ever.

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Priest Celebrant

With Mary, look to the Lord,
who does marvelous deeds:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

(Optional: “Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!)**

Be with your Church, Lord.
Guide us in Mary’s grace and faith.
For this, we pray:

Instill her virtues in our country.
Enlighten our president and governors,
legislators and judges, to foster all human life.
For this, we pray:

Heal our society of materialism.
With Mary, show us the way to rely on you alone,
For this, we pray:

Free the world of terrorism.
Guide leaders in the quest for security and freedom.
Preserve the armed forces and the innocent from harm.
For this, we pray:

Rescue the victims of Pearl Harbor and the Second World War,
of Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq,
Afghanistan, and of every conflict.
For this, we pray:

Let your love overshadow our sick
[]
and those whose lives grow short.
For this, we pray:

Take to the kingdom [] and]
whoever has died recently.
For this, we pray:

Priest Celebrant

Enable us, O Lord, to say with Mary,
“Be it done to me according to your word”,
and to live with you,
world without end.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, A

Priest Celebrant

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 conversion.
For this we pray:

Keep in your care civilians and the military. Sustain their families.
For this we pray:

Change any heart set on terrorism.
Guide national leaders in maintaining safety, security, and peace.
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 materialism and excess,
to be mindful of your gifts and of our obligations to the poor.
For this we pray:

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

Be with our war-injured brothers and sisters,
with all the sick and their care-givers,
For this we pray:

Raise up [,]
the victims of war, violence, accidents,
and all our sisters and brothers who await your coming.
For this we pray:

Priest Celebrant

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
for ever and ever.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, A

Priest Celebrant 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,

That the Holy Spirit overshadow catechumens and candidates for the sacraments,
we pray:

That husbands and wives grow in mutual trust;
that children know homes that embrace Jesus;
that the childless accept the Holy Spirit's gift of parenthood,
we pray:

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

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

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

That our sick and their families abide with Emmanuel,
we pray:

That [everyone who has died this Advent arise in Christ Jesus, and]
we pray:

Priest Celebrant 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 -
for ever and ever.