

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, C4

Priest Celebrant Look to the Lord, who guides the humble to justice
and teaches us sinners his way:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

That the Church be on constant watch for the Lord's return;
that Advent deepen our life in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we pray:

That sacrificial support of God's works
mark our celebration of his birth in our flesh, we pray:

That desire for his return bring peace to the land of his birth
and relieve the agonies of all the Near and Mid-East, we pray:

That governments reflect honesty and truth
in the service of citizens and the care of the most vulnerable, we pray:

That our devotion be one with our Lord's for the disadvantaged,
the disabled, the imprisoned, their families and caregivers, we pray:

That the Lord's own kindness be upon our sick and injured
[], we pray:

That [], and]
everyone who has died recently be one with the risen Christ, we pray:

Priest Celebrant Your ways, O Lord, make known to us.
Guide us in your truth and teach us,
O God our Savior. Through Christ our Lord.

Or, at the first Mass, the

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, whose Church joyfully awaits
the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels 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, C4

Priest Celebrant

Look to the Lord, who will come -
to the Lord who has done great things for us:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

For our Pope and Bishop, all bishops, priests, and deacons;
for repentance and renewal in preparing the way of the Lord,
we pray:

For the single, the married, the engaged, the widowed;
for our sisters and brothers in consecrated life;
for anyone in vocational crisis,
we pray:

For our police, firefighters and first responders;
for elected and appointed officials and public servants,
we pray:

For fruitful participation in the sacrament of Penance this Advent,
we pray:

For peace in the land of Jesus and John,
and in all the Near and Mid-East;
for the safe return of our armed forces,
we pray:

For resistance to materialism and commercialism,
we pray:

For victims of violence and its perpetrators;
for the addicted, the imprisoned, and their families;
for the lonely, the homeless, the oppressed,
we pray:

For our sick [_____],
their families, and care-givers,
we pray:

For [_____] and]
everyone who has died this past week, we pray:

Priest Celebrant

God our Father,
straighten the winding roads of our hearts
and smooth their rough ways. Through Christ our Lord.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, C4

Priest Celebrant

By prayer and petition – with thanksgiving –
make known your requests to God:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

For the Church, in service to the hungry of body and of spirit,
we pray:

For joy in Emmanuel, the Lord-with-us, throughout this new year of grace,
we pray:

For integrity within our city, state, and federal officials;
for the well-being of our police, fire-fighters, and all public servants,
we pray:

For our children and children the world over; for the blessings of
God-centered families, of nourishment, healthcare, and education,
we pray:

For the land of Jesus and John;
for Syria, Iraq and all the Near and Mid-East;
for the victims of war and the safe return of our personnel,
we pray:

For mourners, the lonely, the unemployed, the discouraged,
we pray:

For our sick [_____],
and everyone who takes care of them,
we pray:

For our sisters and brothers who have died recently
[today in particular _____],
we pray:

Priest Celebrant

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,
now, and for ever.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, C4

Priest Celebrant Call on the name of the Lord
who comes to save us:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

For our Holy Father, his brother bishops, priests and deacons;
for generous service to all God's children,
we pray:

For peace in the land of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
its neighboring countries and every suffering land,
we pray:

For freedom from excess, sinful pleasures, and loss of temper,
as we celebrate the Coming of our God,
we pray:

For expectant parents and the married desirous of children;
for adoptive parents and children,
we pray:

For the abused and their rescue from abuse;
for the healing of the innocent and of the guilty,
we pray:

For our brothers and sisters who serve the hungry and homeless,
the sick, the lonely, the imprisoned,
we pray:

For the presence of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph at the side of
the war-injured and of everyone who suffers in body or spirit
[today in particular _____],
we pray:

For [_____], our war dead,
and whoever mourns spouse or child, parent, relative, or friend,
we pray:

Priest Celebrant Hail Mary, full of grace