

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, A

### Priest Celebrant

Be awake and diligent this Advent.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and of all the earth:

### Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

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

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

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

That this new year of grace see an increase of priestly vocations  
and renew the vocation of every one of us,  
we pray:

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

That [ ] and]  
all who are burdened in mind or body entrust themselves to Jesus,  
we pray:

That [ ] and]  
all our beloved dead live forever in divine light,  
we pray:

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

*Or, at the First Mass:*

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, your 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.