

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, C

Priest Celebrant

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

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

(Optional: "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 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 the Lord's for the disadvantaged,
the disabled, the imprisoned, their families and caregivers,
we pray:

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

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

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Your ways, O Lord, make known to us.
Guide us in your truth and teach us,
O God our Savior, for ever and ever.

Or

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.