

PRAYERS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME

FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

Leader: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness.

And put on the armor of light,

Leader: Now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

Leader: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance,

And prepare the way for our salvation,

Leader: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT

Leader: Stir up your power, O Lord.

And with great might come among us;

Leader: And, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT

Leader: Purify our conscience, Almighty God,

by your daily visitation,

Leader: That your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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