

Advent Candles

Use these prayers at home if you have made an Advent Candle display

Week 1: Hope

We light this first candle to pray for hope. We pray for ourselves and for everyone. We ask that our hope will be fixed on God and that God will inspire us to hope for good things. We pray for everyone who feels that their hope has gone. May they find a new hope that shines like this candle flame.



**Lord Jesus Christ,
hope of our hearts and hope for the world,
come close to us this Advent. Amen**

Week 2: Peace

We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We light this second candle to pray for peace; peace for ourselves and for the whole world. We ask for the peace of mind that comes from seeing things clearly. We pray for everyone who lives in the midst of conflict or war. May they find some sign of peace that shines like this candle flame.



**Lord Jesus Christ,
Prince of peace,
reign in our hearts and in all the world.
Come close to us this Advent. Amen**

Week 3: Joy

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.
We lit the second candle to pray for peace.
We light the third candle to pray for joy,
for ourselves and for everyone.
We give thanks for the beauty of joy
and the way it comes to us when we don't
expect it.

We pray for everyone who feels no joy.
May they find some hint of joy that shines like this candle flame.



**Lord Jesus Christ,
joy of the hearts that know you,
fill us and all your world with joy.
Come close to us this Advent. Amen**



Week 4: Love

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.
We lit the second candle to pray for peace.
We lit the third candle to pray for joy.
We light the fourth candle to pray for love.
We pray for the love which is patient and kind,

and the love which goes on caring and believing.
May we show this love to one another
and be open to welcome the love of God into our hearts.
We pray for everyone who feels unloved,
and for every time it is difficult to love others.
May we see some sign of love that shines like this candle flame.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you showed us that God is love.
Help us to live in love,
so that we live in God.
Come close to us this Advent. Amen**

Christmas Eve / Christmas morning

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.
We lit the second candle to pray for peace.
We lit the third candle to pray for joy.
We lit the fourth candle to pray for love.
Now we light the Christmas candle
and we rejoice that Jesus is born.
He is hope, peace, joy and love for all the
world.



A Saviour is born to us today. **Alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you bring the life of God into the world.
Fill us with your light,
now and always. Amen**



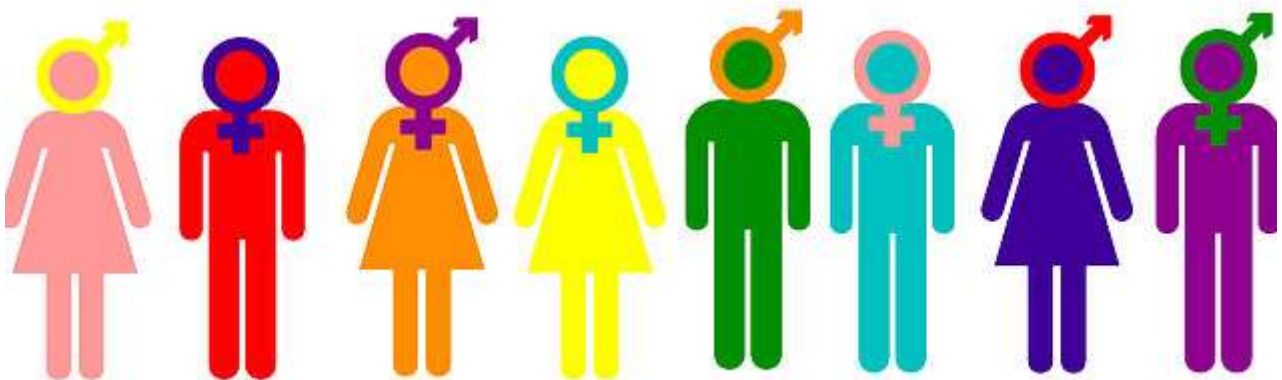
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