

Advent prayer *calendar*

2026

Sunday, November 29 to Thursday, December 24. One short prayer for each day.

 **Week 1** Hope  **Week 2** Peace  **Week 3** Joy  **Week 4** Love ☐ Tick the circle when you've prayed

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 ☐ Nov  <i>Hope</i> Light the first candle. Ask God for hope where yours is running low.	30 ☐ Pray for someone who is waiting on news this week.	1 ☐ Dec Thank God for one promise He has already kept for you.	2 ☐ Pray for a friend who finds December hard.	3 ☐ Name something you've stopped hoping for. Bring it back to God.	4 ☐ Pray for anyone waiting on a baby, a job or a way home.	5 ☐ Ask God for patience with what isn't finished yet.
6 ☐  <i>Peace</i> Light the second candle. Pray for peace in your own home first.	7 ☐ Pray for someone you need to forgive, or ask to forgive you.	8 ☐ Pray for places where there is war tonight.	9 ☐ Hand God the worry that keeps you up at night.	10 ☐ Pray for nurses, doctors and everyone working through the holidays.	11 ☐ Ask God for ten quiet minutes today. Then take them.	12 ☐ Pray for a family that dreads being together this year.
13 ☐  <i>Joy</i> Light the third candle. Thank God for three good things from this year.	14 ☐ Pray for the children in your life, by name.	15 ☐ Pray for someone who made you laugh this year.	16 ☐ Ask God for joy that doesn't depend on how things go.	17 ☐ Pray for your church, its leaders and the people who set up the chairs.	18 ☐ Thank God for an answered prayer. Tell someone about it.	19 ☐ Pray for anyone facing a first Christmas without someone they love.
20 ☐  <i>Love</i> Light the fourth candle. Thank God that He came close.	21 ☐ Pray for a neighbor you barely know. Learn their name.	22 ☐ Pray for anyone spending Christmas alone. Is there room at your table?	23 ☐ Pray for everyone traveling home tonight.	24 ☐ Christmas Eve. Thank Jesus for coming, for you and for everyone you love.	Christmas Day Friday, December 25 He is here. Light every candle, and say thank You.	

Traditions vary. Many churches give the four weeks the themes hope, peace, joy and love (some in a different order), and many light a pink candle on the third Sunday. Follow your own church's way.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 29, 2026

Hope

Lord, we light this candle and wait for You. Some of us are tired of waiting. Give us a hope that's bigger than our worries, and keep this small light burning in us all week.

Amen.

Light one candle. Let the youngest person read the prayer.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Peace

Jesus, we light two candles tonight. Quiet our home. Settle our arguments and our anxious thoughts, and make us people who bring peace into every room we walk into.

Amen.

Light the first candle again, then the second.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 13, 2026

Joy

God, three candles now, and Christmas is close. Thank You for this year's good gifts, the big ones and the small. Give us a joy that holds up even on the hard days.

Amen.

Light the first two, then the third. In many churches it's the pink one.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 20, 2026

Love

Father, You sent Jesus because You love us. As we light the fourth candle, teach us to love like that: patiently, generously, and most of all the people who are hard to love.

Amen.

Light all four. Christmas is only days away.

Who I'm praying for *this Advent*

Write a few names each week. Pray for them on the calendar days, and tell them you did.

Hope

Week 1

Who is waiting on something?

Peace

Week 2

Who is carrying worry or conflict?

Joy

Week 3

Who needs some good news?

Love

Week 4

Who might be alone this Christmas?

Christmas morning: what God did this Advent
