ADVENT 2026 · 29 NOVEMBER TO 24 DECEMBER

Advent Wreath Prayers for Home

Light one new candle each Sunday of Advent, then light the same candles at dinner throughout that week. One person reads the verse and prayer, and everyone answers “Amen”.

First Week: Keep Watch

Sunday 29 November 2026 · 1 violet candle

“Watch, keep alert, and pray; for you don’t know when the time is.” Mark 13:33

Prayer: Lord God, as we light this first candle, keep us watchful. Help us notice where you are coming close to us this week. Amen.

Second Week: Prepare the Way

Sunday 6 December 2026 · 2 violet candles

“The voice of one who calls out, “Prepare the way of the LORD in the wilderness! Make a level highway in the desert for our God.” Isaiah 40:3

Prayer: Lord, as we light two candles, make room in us for your Son. Show us one thing to set right before Christmas. Amen.

Third Week: Rejoice (Gaudete)

Sunday 13 December 2026 · 2 violet + 1 rose candle

“Always rejoice. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you.” 1 Thess 5:16-18

Prayer: Lord, on this Sunday of joy we light the rose candle. Thank you for every good thing you have given us this Advent. Amen.

Fourth Week: Say Yes

Sunday 20 December 2026 · all 4 candles

“Mary said, “Behold, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.” Luke 1:38

Prayer: Lord, all four candles are lit and Christmas is near. Make us ready, like Mary, to say yes to you. Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY (25 DECEMBER)

If your wreath holds a white candle in the centre, light it on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day along with all four Advent candles:

Prayer: Lord Jesus, light of the world, welcome into our home this Christmas. Stay with everyone we love, and with everyone who feels alone tonight. Amen.

NOTES FOR THE TABLE

- Pray in the singular if you live alone. A wreath on a quiet table is still a real prayer.
- Battery candles work just as well where open flames are not safe.
- Scripture quotes are from the public-domain World English Bible Catholic Edition.