

Advent Candle Prayers

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Written as call and response with the congregation, as one person lights the candles, one more candle each week.

Set (A): Light and peace to you from Jesus Christ

(2016, Cashmere)

Advent 1

Light and peace to you from Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

This is the first Sunday in Advent, and we light the candle of hope.

We claim a hope we do not feel.

We choose to trust despite our fear.

The flame is small and the winds are strong.

But Christ will come, the promise stands

from dawn of time, that Christ will come

a baby born, a world undone,

remade by hope and peace and love.

Come, Lord Jesus, Lord of hope.

You are welcome here.

Advent 2

Light and peace to you from Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

This is the second Sunday in Advent, and we light the candle of peace.

We claim a peace we do not feel.

We choose to trust despite our fear.

The flame is small and the winds are strong.

But Christ will come, the promise stands

from dawn of time, that Christ will come

a baby born, a world undone,

remade by hope and peace and love.

Come, Lord Jesus, Lord of peace.

You are welcome here.

Advent 3

Light and peace to you from Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

This is the third Sunday in Advent, and we light the candle of Joy.

We claim a peace we do not feel.

We choose to trust despite our fear.

The flame is small and the winds are strong.

But Christ will come, the promise stands

from dawn of time, that Christ will come

a baby born, a world undone,

remade by hope and peace and love.

Come, Lord Jesus, Lord of peace.
You are welcome here.

Set (B): Come, light of the world (2018, Cashmere)

Advent 1: Hope

Come, light of the world,
come live in our hearts,
come move in-between us,
come shine in the darkness.
This candle shines for hope,
for hope is needed now in our world.
Hope is a hunger and hope is a gift,
a gift of the Christ child, born in the night
Come, light of the world
be our hope, we pray.

Advent 2: Peace

Come, light of the world,
come live in our hearts,
come move in-between us,
come shine in the darkness.
Our first candle candle shines for hope.
This candle shines for peace,
for peace is needed now in our world.
Peace is a hunger and peace is a gift,
a gift of the Christ child, born in the night.
Come, light of the world,
be our peace, we pray.

Advent 3: Joy

Come, light of the world,
come live in our hearts,
come move in-between us,
come shine in the darkness.
Our first candle candle shines for hope.
Our second candle shines for peace
This candle shines for joy,
for joy is needed now in our world.
Joy is a blessing and joy is a gift,
a gift of the Christ child, born in the night.
Come, light of the world,
be our joy, we pray.

Advent 4: Love

Come, light of the world,

come live in our hearts,

come move in-between us,

come shine in the darkness.

Our first candle candle shines for hope.

Our second candle shines for peace

Our third candle shines for joy,

This candle shines for love

for love is needed now in our world.

Love is the greatest treasure,

and love is the greatest gift,

a gift of the Christ child, born in the night.

Come, light of the world,

be our love, we pray.

Christmas Day

Come, light of the world,

come live in our hearts,

come move in-between us,

come shine in the darkness.

Our first candle candle shines for hope, and the second candle for peace.

Our third candle shines for joy, and the fourth for love.

And now we light the Christ Candle

for Christ has come; Jesus is born,

God's blessing and God's gift.

Jesus, light our way, we pray. Amen.

Set (C): We light the candle ... for Christmas Eve night.

We light the candle of Hope

In hope we are born, and sustained by hope
this light shines despite everything.
A candle seems such a fragile thing,
a flickering in the dark.
May hope splutter into life in us again and again.
God of new beginnings and new possibilities,
be born in us this night, we pray. Amen.

We light the candle of Peace

When fear prowls the night and anxieties crowd the day
peace is a half-remembered gentleness, of kinder times.
We light this candle for peace,
peace in our minds, peace in our homes, peace in our world.
God of grace, make us safe in ourselves
that we might be safe space for others.
Be born in us this night, we pray. Amen.

We light the candle of Joy

Ah, joy! Come with lightness, come with laughter!
Tickle us until we forget how important we are.
Pounce on us, surprise us,
lift us out of worry and gloom.
Generous God, give us joy this Christmas,
joy for the giving away;
be born in us this night, we pray. Amen

We light the candle of Love

Love comes, as love always comes,
where a heart opens to another
where I see you and a connection sparks in the space between us.
Love is our daily bread and our festive cake
Love is who you are, Father of Jesus
Be born in us, more space for love.

We light the Christ candle

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the
Word was God. In him was life, and that life was the light of all

mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Come, light of the world.

Come, live in our hearts,

Come, live in between us.

Jesus Christ, be born in us, we pray, this night.

Be our light. Amen.