



Second Week of Advent: *Are you ready?*

December 6th – All powerful God, increase our strength and open our eyes and hearts to ways we can love one another while we prepare and wait for the coming Jesus. Amen

December 7th – God of Power and mercy, open our hearts to remove the things hindering us from receiving your word, love, and wisdom. Amen.

Immaculate Conception

December 8th – God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly, the courage to forgive myself because I am working on doing better, and wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am . Amen.

December 9th - Heavenly Father, thank you for another day to serve you. Thank you for the gift of faith. I ask that you search my heart and mind and remove anything that does not please you. Give me your thoughts of peace and joy today, so that I can learn to receive all you have for me today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

December 10th – Encircle us Lord, with the light of your presence to brighten within this darkened world. Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation. Enable us to be victors over sin and despair. Enable us to become that which you would desire, O Lord of creation, O Lord of salvation. Amen.

December 11th - God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells among us. God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells in us. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells around us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the center and the focus of our lives always, particularly in this Advent time as we seek to love more and judge less. In Jesus' name. Amen.

December 12th – Father God, you make this holy season radiant with the splendor of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as Lord, true light of the world. Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Third Week of Advent: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

December 13th - Lord God, only you can see into our hearts and know that under all the business of our lives, there is a deep longing to make this Advent season one that welcomes you more deeply into our own hearts. Our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds search for your Light during the darkness. Help us to become peacemakers this Advent season and to give special love to

those who disagree with us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt us. Amen.

December 14th – All powerful God continue to lead and guide us in this Advent season through this Pandemic. May we hear your voice as we prepare for your coming again in our midst. We ask this in your son's name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

December 15th - Dear Lord, help me to reach out to others this day, especially those who are difficult for me to speak with. May your grace guard my mouth and heal my tongue to speak your words of peace. Amen.

December 16th - May your love, Jesus, help us to seek the lost and heal the broken around me. Let me be an instrument of your healing and love to those who feel alone and unloved this Advent Season. Amen.

December 17th - O Heavenly Father, help us to focus our devotion and attention on you in the busyness of these days. Please remove the distractions that keep us from you and one another, and make your life in us a source of warmth and faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

December 18th - God of hope, in these days of waiting for Christmas and your coming anew in our world and our hearts, give us your patience and peace. May those we love be a source of joy in our lives and not the object of our anxiety or worry. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

December 19th - O Lord God, endow us with your grace today and into the future. As you graciously forgive our sins now, protect and strengthen us from all danger of future sins, so that we may serve you with a clear conscience. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Fourth Week of Advent: *Soon and Very Soon*

December 20th - Dear Heavenly Father, help me to hear your voice. Touch me once again. Give me the courage to be your beloved. Give me courage to choose joy. I need you now this Christmas. Be born in me again today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

December 21st – Father God in this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth that is your Son Jesus. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus to save us. Help us to live in the light of this great truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

December 22nd –This Christmas, surround me with your presence, Lord, as I long to hear your voice. Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise. I want to feel your hush. In Jesus' name, Amen.

December 23rd – God our Father, you loved this world so much you gave your only son to free us from the ancient power of sin and death. Help us who wait for his coming and lead us to true liberty.



We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

December 24th – God of Love, your son, Jesus is your greatest gift to us. He is the sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during this final day of our Advent season as we wait and prepare for his coming, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

Prayer of Blessing for a Christmas Tree

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation;

The sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ your Son, who is Emmanuel, God with us, the Prince of Peace.

Lord, God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree come to know the joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Blessing for a Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have revealed your love:

When our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look on this manger;

May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise up our thoughts to him,

Who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church

Season of Advent 2020

While we are waiting... Come!

First Week of Advent : *While we are waiting... Come!*

November 29th – O God, bring us hope for the future in this time of preparation; Hope that your love will bless our hearts in ways we are not able to foresee and so we may might become a sign of hope for all your people. Amen.

November 30th – Dear Lord, please bless this world with peace that surpasses all understanding. A peace that can only come from You, so that we may be ready with open hearts to do Your work. Amen.

December 1st – Dear Lord, help me to find that joy you have placed deep down in my soul. As we find this joy may we bring others along with us and help them see the light of your joy. Amen.

December 2nd – Jesus, may your love touch every one of us in a deeper way today. Please open our minds and hearts to your love so that we may share it with the world around us. Amen.

December 3rd – God of our longing be with us during these days of Advent as we climb your holy mountain. May we walk in the light of your love as we search our hearts for you. May we love more and judge less. In Jesus' name. Amen.

December 4th – Thank you Lord for everything you have done for me. Forgive me of all my sins. Be the Lord of my life, create in me a clean heart and the right spirit within me. Renew my mind and heal me from the hurts of my past. I love you and need you. Cover me with your precious and holy blood as well as my family and friends. Give me your peace Lord, and bless and protect everyone that seeks you, needs you, and believes in you. Amen.

December 5th – Keep me, O God in the palm of your hand. Lord, Jesus, here I am. I trust in you. You are my God. My life is in your hands. You know my heart, you know my cares, you know my worries. You know the way that makes me trust, love and care for you. Amen.