

**Readings for Advent Wreath, Year A**  
(Scripture taken from TNIV)

**Week 1**

*Light the first candle.*

**Reader 1** (*as candle is lit*): We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Reader 2:** According to Isaiah 2, in the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say,

**Reader 1:** "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

**Reader 2:** Come, house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Together:** Come, Lord Jesus!

**Week 2**

*Light the first and second candle (both purple).*

**Reader 1** (*as 2nd candle is lit*): We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Reader 2:** As Isaiah 11 says, a shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

**Reader 1:** The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

**Reader 2:** Since we have this hope, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Together:** Come, Lord Jesus!

### Week 3

*Light the first and second candles, then the pink candle.*

**Reader 1** (*as 3rd candle is lit*): We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Reader 2:** As Isaiah 35 says, the desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy... for they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

**Reader 1:** Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. Only the redeemed will walk there, and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

**Reader 2:** Since we have this hope, let us walk in the Way of the Lord.

**Together:** Come, Lord Jesus!

### Week 4

*Light the four outside candles.*

**Reader 1** (*as 4th candle is lit*): We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Reader 2:** Isaiah 7 says, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**Reader 1:** "He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste."

**Reader 2:** Because the prince of peace is coming, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Together:** Come, Lord Jesus!

## Christmas Eve

*Light the outside candles first, then the inside candle (Christ candle).*

**Reader 1** (*as Christ candle is lit*): We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ, who has come into the world this night and who is coming again.

**Reader 2:** Isaiah 9 says,

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.  
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Reader 1:** “Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”

**Reader 2:** Let us walk in the light of the Lord, for Jesus has come to us!