**Advent Wreath Prayers at Home**

*Adapted from King of Peace Episcopal Church, Kingsland, GA*

*The household gathers around the wreath (which is not yet lit).*

*Leader:* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
*People:* Thanks be to God.
*Leader:* Let us pray.

**Prayer for the first week of Advent**
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer for the second week of Advent**
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer for the third week of Advent**
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer for the fourth week of Advent**
Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The candle or candles may now be lit*

**O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*** *(said together)*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**The Peace**
*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be with you
*All:* And also with you

**Prayer**
*Leader:* The Lord be with you
*All:* And also with you
*Leader:* Let us pray

*All pray The Lord’s Prayer*

 *Each person my offer a short prayer of thanks, blessing, or intercession*

*Leader:* The Lord bless us and keep us. *Amen*.
 The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. *Amen*.
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. *Amen*.

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.
*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Put out the candle or candles*

*These prayers may be used each night during Advent or on the Sundays in Advent.*