



# HOME IS A HOLY PLACE

## ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

Find a helpful time, a special space.  
Light a candle  
Use your Advent calendar

### OPENING PRAYER

Father God,  
as we light this candle  
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
lightening our hearts  
and brightening our way.

Jesus, cast your light over  
our home and family  
and all who are special to us.

Holy spirit,  
keep alive in us the happiness and joy  
of looking forward to the birth of Jesus  
in our home this Christmas.

**Amen.**

### We listen to God's Word

#### 1st Week

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (*John 3:16*)

#### 2nd Week

“You will be my friends if you love one another. There is no greater love than this: to  
lay down one's life for one's friend.” (*John 15:13-17*)

#### 3rd Week

“I say it again, rejoice! The Lord is coming soon. Be gentle toward everyone... and  
the peace of God will be with you.” (*St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-7*)

#### 4th Week

“Rejoice, Mary, God has blessed you and God is very close to you.  
Listen! You are going to have a baby, His name will be Jesus.”  
(Based on *Luke Chapter 1*)



## Quiet Time

### We look on what is on the Advent Calendar today



#### We think back over today .....

We say thank you for something special today...

We ask forgiveness for any upset that has brought unhappiness...

We pray for our family needs...

We pray for those who are sick....

We remember those who are hungry or homeless...

We promise to try to do something that will make a difference for good.

#### We pray in the words of Jesus

##### Our Father...

We ask Mary to pray with us.

##### Hail Mary...

Let us pray quietly for a few moments.



#### Closing Prayer

Dear Father,  
help us each year to take time  
to remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the  
joyful song of the angels,  
the great wonder of the shepherds,  
and the worship of the Wise Men.  
Amen.

#### Blessing Prayer

Lord,  
Keep us always in your care.  
Bless and protect our home tonight.  
Amen.

