

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*To be prayed every year at the start of the Advent Season*

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All:** Who has made heaven and earth.

**Leader:** Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom

a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing.

As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,

from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains

by judgement and justice,  
both now and forever.



**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

*All participating join hands*

**Leader:** Let us pray:

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

He is the Savior of every nation.

O God, by whose word all things are made holy,

pour forth your blessings upon this wreath,

and grant that we who use it

may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

***The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come Emmanuel":***

*O come, desire of nations, bind*

*in on the hearts of humankind;*

*bid ev'ry sad division cease*

*and be thyself our Prince of peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!, Emmanuel*

*shall come to thee, O Israel.*