

FOUR CANDLES



(AND THEN ONE MORE)

Four Green Prayers for the lighting of four Advent Candles.....
and one more!

Based on the readings for RCL Year B

Advent Candle Prayer Week 1

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Light beyond these terror clouds
of wildfires, and of bombings;

Green shoot of hope
where Earth is scorched
and life cries out aloud

Tear apart our scary skies
And teach us
by the faithfulness of trees
to stay alert, awake, and hopeful

Through Christ ,in whose light
we walk with all Creation! AMEN

Advent Candle Prayer Week 2



Light who brings comfort and clarity
where justice and compassion are obscured:
Be our companion,
in the joy of the valleys
and the awe of the mountains;
Shine, that we may climb
and glimpse beyond the peaks and ridges
a better way
to walk and share;
to cherish, not demolish
the contours of our Common Home

to God's glow
on our journey
with this world you love. AMEN

Advent Candle Prayer Week 3



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Bright Light whose way's carved out
by robust words
and stern forgiveness:
argue and contend
with every darkness and despair:
shine, that even those
who thought their lives depend on violence
and their economies on the death of the Earth
perceive a real and open path
of far less harm
travelled with all Creation. AMEN

Advent Candle Prayer Week 4



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Light of hope within us,
straining and leaping to be born
in habitats and homes
for justice with joy;
shine with the light of the least and last.
Subvert the denial of rights and feelings.
Fulfil your transforming promise
that we wait with great delight
for justice for all Creation
coming in person
for us; for the Earth.
AMEN

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Candle Prayer for Christmas Eve, Midnight, or Christmas Day



Brightly shining light of hope and justice
born in flesh and blood and Earth:
How different things look
from the side of your cradle:
with ox and ass and angels.
Praising God's vulnerability
Given for the healing
of the World God So Loves!
Amen, Amen Amen!

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