

# Advent Prayer 2020

Each week we will pray and light our Advent candles together.

## Advent 1

The psalmist cries out  
*Restore us, O God of hosts;  
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

We pause, we wait, we hope.  
In the darkest of times we glimpse God's future.  
We look for signs of hope.  
We claim this hope for ourselves  
and for all the earth.  
God's future is a future of hope.  
We light this candle for hope.

## Advent 3

The psalmist exults  
*Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy*

We pause, we wait, we hope.  
We emerge from a time of long sorrow  
We are called to a time of rejoicing  
Let us lay down our burdens  
and sing out with joy.  
God's future is a future of joy.  
We light this candle for joy.

## Advent 2

The psalmist declares  
*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*

We pause, we wait, we hope.  
We walk together through  
the wilderness of loss.  
We listen for the voice of peace.  
Help us to work for peace  
for all people and all creation.  
God's future is a future of peace.  
We light this candle for peace.

## Advent 4

The psalmist sings  
*I will sing of your steadfast love ...  
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens*

We pause, we wait, we hope.  
We hear Mary's song of love in our hearts  
We are caught up in that love.  
May our spirits rejoice  
and our hearts sing with her.  
God's future is a future of love.  
We light this candle for love.

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