

Prayers for the Lighting of Advent Candles

I.

Come, O Holy One, as the morning light after a wakeful night!
Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us an accounting of our lives; help us to love you and love one another in all we do, and so clothe us with your light that we may bring others to love you also; through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

II.

Come, O Holy One, as the water of life and refiner's fire!
Strengthen us with courage for your work of justice that in all creation and among every people your peace may be established and your joy abound; through Jesus our Deliverer. Amen.

III.

Come, O Holy One, breaker of chains and renewer of life!
Open our eyes to your presence in all the earth.
Stir us to proclaim gladly the signs of your love; the liberation of those oppressed, the healing of those frail and broken, springs of water in all the parched places, and Jesus Christ risen and alive, through whom we pray. Amen.

IV.

Come, O Holy One, as the beloved child, Emmanuel!
Softens our hearts and open our arms for your coming that we may make this a place worthy and warm, kindly and safe for all your children; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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