



ASCENSION

Defiant Hope - Advent 2020 Candle Lighting Prayers

For the four weeks of Advent

Our world is filled with trouble
But we remember
that God is with us.
And we remember
that Jesus is coming.
And we remember
that the kingdom is near.

So we light one candle for hope, lost and found.
(week 2, add) And one candle in defiant hope
(week 3, add) And one candle in patient hope
(week 4, add) And one candle in living hope.

Lord Jesus, come soon.
Lord Jesus, come soon.

For Christmas

Our world is filled with trouble
But we remember
that God is with us
And we remember
that, with God, nothing is impossible
And we remember
that Jesus Christ is born!

So we light one candle for hope, lost and found.
(week 2, add) And one candle in defiant hope
(week 3, add) And one candle in patient hope
(week 4, add) And one candle in living hope.
(Christmas, add)
And one candle for Christ who is our hope.

Jesus Christ is born!
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For Conversation/Contemplation/Prayer

Week 1: Hope lost and found

Our world is filled with trouble
*What troubles did you see today?
What signs of hope did you see today?
Light one candle and tell God about them.*

Week 2: Defiant Hope

We remember that God is with us.
*God's presence offers strength in the face
of trouble.
What do you need to be strong about
today?
Light two candles and tell God about it.*

Week 3: Patient Hope

We remember that Jesus is coming.
*Waiting can be hard but it can also fill us
with eagerness.
What are you waiting for today?
Light three candles and tell God about it.*

Week 4: Living Hope

We remember that the kingdom is near.
*God is making all things new.
What new life did you see or new thing did
you learn today?
Light four candles and tell God about it.*

Christmas: Christ our Hope

Jesus Christ is born!
*Hope knows the world can be more loving,
more just, more true than it is.
How are you called to work towards that
world?
Light all the candles and tell God about it.*