

Blessings for the Home in Advent*

*These blessing prayers are taken from the Catholic Book of Blessings.

A Blessing of the Advent Wreath in the Home:

This blessing might accompany the first lighting of the Advent Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent in the following manner...

All make the Sign of the Cross

A member of the family recites the blessing while another member lights the first candle.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

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. R. Amen.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son...



A Blessing of the Christmas Tree in the Home:

This blessing can be prayed on the day that the family puts up the Christmas tree. Once the lights are ready to be switched on the prayer can begin:

All make the Sign of the Cross

A member of the family turns the lights of the tree on and the blessing is then recited.



Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills
our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and
joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son...

A Blessing of the Crib in the Home

This blessing can be prayed when the crib is put in place in the home. When the final figures are ready to be placed the family might gather around the crib.

All make the sign of the cross

A member of the family places the final figures into the crib scene. The following blessing is then recited:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest
your love:

when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be
born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless all who look upon this manger,

may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our
thoughts to him,

who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns
for ever and ever. R. Amen.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son...

