



## *Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love*



### **Nightly Prayer: Love**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Leader:** God our Father, in this final week of Advent, we ask You to fill our hearts, home, and family with Your great *Love*.

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

*Family member lights the four advent candles.*

**Leader:** Lord, help us to *Love* You above all things. Help us to *Love* our siblings, family members, friends, classmates, and neighbors. Help us to *Love* those who are the most difficult to love. Let us love all others as we love ourselves — with joy, peace, mercy, and generosity.

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Leader:** In these final days of Advent, we look back on the many ways we have prepared for Your coming. At times we have been fervent and sincere; at other times we have been apathetic and slow. We ask now for You to cover our imperfections with Your *Love*, readying our heart for Jesus' birth.

**All:** Fill our hearts with *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love!* Amen.

# Scriptures of Love for the Fourth Week of Advent

## *Sunday's Love*

If we *love* one another, God remains in us, and his *love* is brought to perfection in us.

—1 Jn. 4:12

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## *Monday's Love*

This is my commandment: *love* one another as I have *loved* you. No one has greater *love* than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

—Jn. 15:12

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## *Tuesday's Love*

For God so *loved* the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life.

—Jn. 3:16

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## *Wednesday's Love*

See what great *love* the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

- 1 Jn. 3:1

*Christmas Eve and Christmas Day light the white candle in the center of your wreath.*

*Thursday's  
Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David, a Savior has been born for you who is the *Messiah* and Lord." — Lk. 2:10-11

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*Friday's  
Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*

And the *Word* became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. — Jn. 1:14

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## **Food For Thought for the Fourth Week of Advent**

The fourth candle is purple and is the "*Candle of Love*". It reminds us that God so loved the world (i.e. you, us, ... even that difficult friend or relative!) that He gave His only Son to us so we could have abundant life.

How does the birth of Jesus demonstrate God's love?

What are ways that we can "love our neighbors as ourselves"?

Have you ever been able to demonstrate love to a person who seems "unlovable"? Is love a feeling? An action? An attitude? A choice?

**Let us join in together in prayer and reflection  
with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love  
for the Coming of Our Lord.**

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. – Isaiah 40:3*