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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd[®]

Advent Wreath Prayer
First Week of Advent – Year A

(This prayer is repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle)

All make the Sign of the Cross.

The leader says: Our home is blessed today, this first week of Advent,
As we prepare for the coming of the Great Light.
Let us pray,
Lord God, you made us a family, and you made us holy.
May this first week of Advent help us live in the hope of
Forever rejoicing in the house of the Lord.
We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reader: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the Lord.”
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Reader: Because of my brothers and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Because of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will pray for your good.

All: **(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us light the first candle on our wreath and sing our Advent Wreath song.
(The first purple candle is lit before and left burning during the evening meals on each day of the first week in Advent)

