

Advent Resources

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Hope-Peace-Joy-Love Candle Prayers 2000 (Year B)

Hope
Dear God,
As we begin our Advent pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.
Hope for your presence,
Hope for your peace,
Hope for your promise.
Amen.

Peace
Dear God,
As we journey down this Advent road,
grant us the courage to make peace.
Peace in our hearts,
Peace in our homes,
Peace in our communities.
Amen.

Joy
Dear God,
In the height of our Advent walk,
grant us the courage to experience joy.
Joy in the face of apathy,
Joy in the face of sorrow,
Joy in the face of uncertainty.
Amen.

Love
Dear God,
As our Advent pilgrimage draws to
completion,
grant us the courage to share your love.
Love for the unexpected challenge,
Love for the vulnerable one.
Love for the presence of God.
Amen.

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Hope-Peace-Joy-Love Poems (1997)

hope in the bleak midwinter

hope
like a seed
buried deep within the earth;
hidden
covered by layers,
disappointment, struggle, pain;
buried yet stretching,
growing and becoming.
hope
like a seed
becoming new life.
we light a candle for hope.

praying for peace at Christmas

peace
is the absence of conflict;
or
peace
is a spiritual connection;
or better still
peace
is a way of living,
a commitment to something important;
but
peace
as a wild eyed radical
screaming its way
to revolution
isn't quite the peace
we had in mind....
is it?
we light a candle for peace.

joy as transformation

joy
is found in the moment
when the tables turn
and the veil of denial is lifted
displaying vulnerability and fear,
colliding with hope and promise,
mingling together.
a tingle
growing warm,
lurching forward
is joy.
we light a candle for joy.

love and other foolishness

love
in a young girl's song;
fearful,
determined,
hopeful,
bursting.
love
in a mother's song;
tender,
embracing,
challenging,
stern.
love
is god's song;
curious yet timid,
playful and wondering,
coming among us again.
we light a candle for love.
