ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Blessing for Advent Wreath

Lord our God,
We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.

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 to salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Nicholas Blessing Prayer

(Dec. 6th)

St. Nicholas, holy patron of children,
Bishop of the East, we invite you to come
among us and to grant us your holy
blessing. Help us in this busy, busy season
not to miss the miracle of the coming of
Emmanuel in the days of preparation as
well as on the feast itself. Help us not to be
blind to the gifts of getting ready. Protect us
from insincerity. May every greeting we send
be signed with love, friendship and prayer.
Help us to remember that mistletoe, holly
and all other ornaments of the season, were
sacred signs to ancient believers. But, most of
all, jolly saint of toys and sweets, help us
stay youthful, humorous, playful and dream-
filled as we prepare together for the coming
of Christ.

St. Nicholas, pray for us. Amen.

Christmas Tree Blessing

Loving God, in the dead of winter,
Filled with hope, we await our Savior.
Green is the color of hope.
Bless our tree of green and the friends and
family who gather around it.
May the twinkling lights remind us of
Christ our Light.
May the gifts under the boughs make us
remember the gift of salvation in Christ Jesus.
Open our hearts in generosity this season,
especially to those who are in need.
We make our prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creche Blessing

Saving God, when you came to earth
you arrived not in a palace but a stable.
You were greeted not by trumpet blasts,
but the sounds of cows and sheep.
Your first visitors would be lowly shepherds
sent by your messengers, the angels.
Like the bright star, we stand in wonder,
like the kings, we marvel at the Christ child.
With Mary and Joseph we look on in faith.
'Come, Lord Jesus', visit your people.
Enable us to bring your peace and justice
to a world that stands in need of you
and those who will act in your name.
This we pray through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

