



# Advent Wreath Prayer

**Week One:** The first candle is lit, and the prayer for the first week is said.

Priest: Let us pray.

Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord,  
and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection  
and be saved by Thy help from the dangers  
that threaten us because of our sins.  
Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

All: Amen

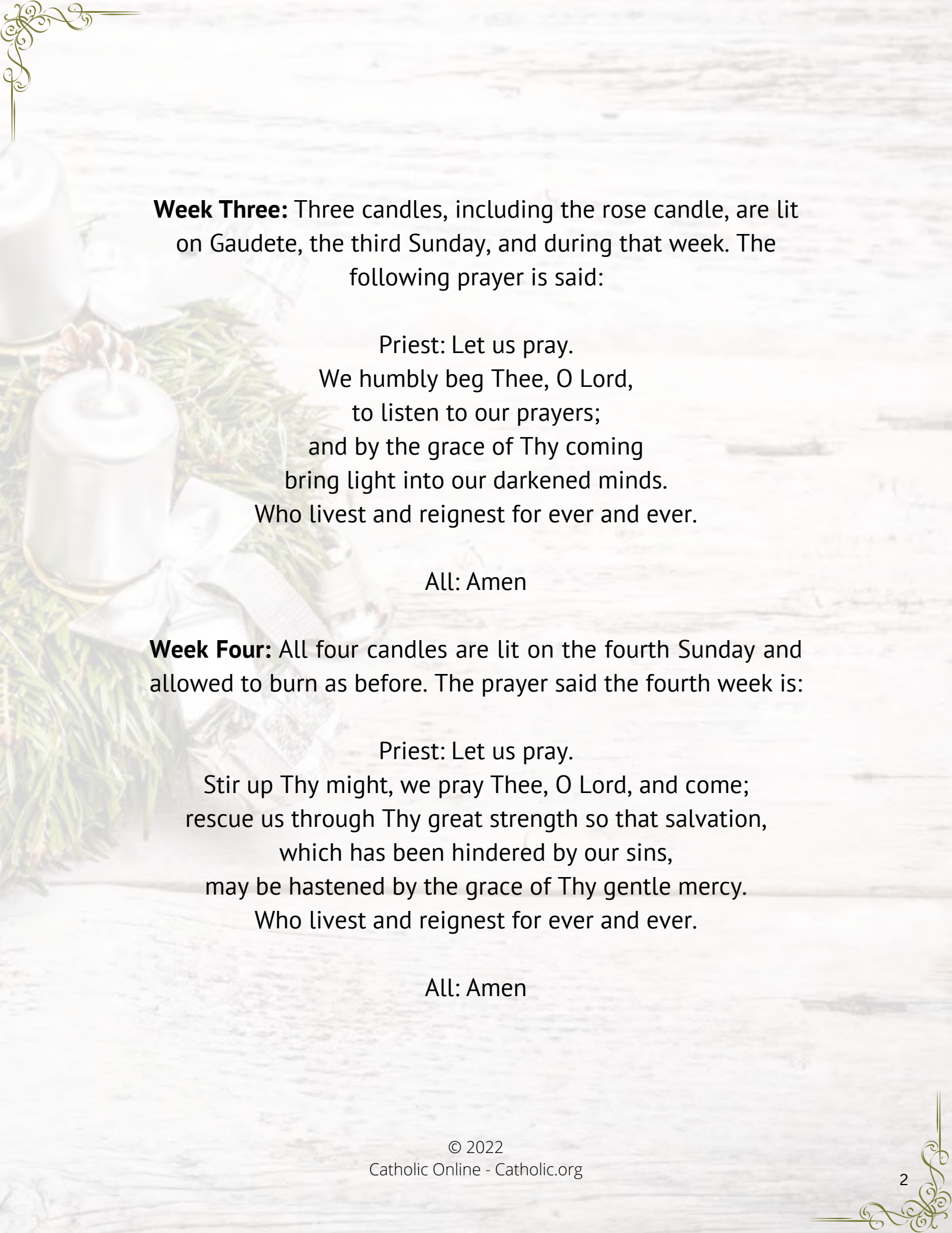

During the first week one candle is left burning during the evening meal, at prayers or at bedtime.

**Week Two:** Two candles are lit on the second Sunday and allowed to burn as before. The prayer for the week is:

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, stir up our hearts  
that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son,  
that through His coming  
we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls.  
Through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



**Week Three:** Three candles, including the rose candle, are lit on Gaudete, the third Sunday, and during that week. The following prayer is said:

Priest: Let us pray.  
We humbly beg Thee, O Lord,  
to listen to our prayers;  
and by the grace of Thy coming  
bring light into our darkened minds.  
Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

All: Amen

**Week Four:** All four candles are lit on the fourth Sunday and allowed to burn as before. The prayer said the fourth week is:

Priest: Let us pray.  
Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come;  
rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation,  
which has been hindered by our sins,  
may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy.  
Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

All: Amen