

## Children and Their Families Pray: Each Week of Advent

The prayers for each week of Advent are based on the "O" antiphons, found in the Old Testament prophet's writings  
In medieval manuscripts, the first letter was elaborately ornamented.

### First Week



O Jesus Christ,  
Emmanuel, come and dwell with us.  
Desire of all nations;  
Gift to every generation,  
Come, make your home with us.

### Second Week



O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace,  
come and save your people.  
Joy of every heart,  
Strength of those who are poor,  
come quickly to help us.

Prince of Peace,  
teach the lion and the little lamb,  
teach the cat and the mouse,  
the hawk and the tiny bird,  
each everyone who doesn't get along  
to live in peace.

All nations, everybody,  
is waiting for you,  
Indians and Esquimos  
are waiting for you,  
People in New York  
are waiting for you.  
People in Beijing  
are waiting for you.  
Jesus, come to us.

### Fourth Week



O Jesus Christ, Holy Wisdom,  
come and teach us your way;  
Word of life, Word made flesh,  
come, speak your truth.

Jesus, come and teach me,  
how to sing and play,  
how to learn new words;  
tell me what to say.  
Teach me how to be a child,  
for you know the way.

### Third Week



O Jesus Christ,  
Key of David,  
come and set your people free.  
Open the gates of heaven for us;  
come, deliver us from evil.

King David was a mighty king  
who built a city long ago.  
He left a key  
that Jesus found in the manger hay.  
Key of David, Jesus Christ,  
open heaven's gates for us.