

Come, Lord of Light

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
Eternal light, shine in our hearts.

Lord, open our eyes to your presence.
Come, Lord of Light.

Lord, open our ears to your call.
Come, Lord of Light.

Lord, open our hearts to your love:
Come, Lord of Light.

Lord, open our hearts to your guiding:
Come, Lord of Light.

This Advent, may God be in my head and in my
understanding.

May God be in my eyes and in my looking.

May God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

May God be in my heart and in my thinking.

AMEN



Diocese of Waterford and Lismore Liturgy Commission

Family Prayers for Advent

Come, Lord Jesus and make your home in
this family that you have created with
love.

Be the joy in every heart.

Be the strength for those who are poor.

Be the light for those in darkness.

Be the peace for those who live in fear.

Come, Lord Jesus and teach us how to
love one another.

Come Lord Jesus, bless our family and all
its members and friends.

Bind us together with your love.

Give us kindness and patience to support
each other.

Let the gift of your peace come into our
hearts and remain with us.

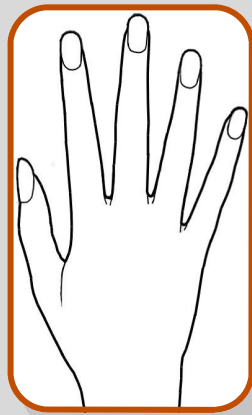
May we rejoice in all the blessings that you
have given to us.

Come Lord Jesus. Amen.



Praying on Your Fingers!

This way of praying, using our five fingers is attributed to Pope Francis. It offers a simple and easy to remember way of praying for various intentions.



The **thumb** is the finger closest to me. I begin by praying for those who are closest to me - family and friends, the people I see, meet and think about each day. I will pray especially for a family member or friend who is struggling or who needs a prayer for a special intention.

The next finger is the **index finger**. I pray for those who inspire me and point me in the right direction. Among them teachers, priests, doctors..... They need a prayer to guide them.

The next finger, the **middle finger** is the tallest. This reminds me to pray for those who lead our country, our church and our world. Those in leadership/authority need the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help them make the right decisions for the people in their care.

The fourth finger, the **ring finger** is the weakest finger. It reminds me to pray for the people who are weakest – the poor, the sick, the homeless, migrants, those who are on the margins and those in need in any way. They need our prayers and our support.

The little finger, the **luidín**, is the smallest finger. I pray for myself and my own needs. Having prayed for other people and their intentions, I may realise that my own needs are quite small by comparison, though still worthy of bringing them to God.

Be prepared

Let us bring to God our loving Father all the cares that weigh on our hearts, knowing that he understands us better than we understand ourselves.

Father, we bring the daily work of those who labour to spread the good news of Christ amid apathy or ridicule, may they be encouraged and strengthened.

Father hear us, and prepare us to meet you

Father, we bring all our loved ones with their hopes and disappointments, their struggles and their successes; may they be guided and nurtured by your love.

Father hear us, and prepare us to meet you

Father, we bring all those who lives seem to be bleak as a result of the Corona Virus that is still in our midst. Unburden them and fill them with your gift of Joy.

Father hear us, and prepare us to meet you

Filled with thankfulness for all your blessings to us, we offer you our praise. May we never forget your generosity.

Father, prepare us to meet you

