

# FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints  
Catholic Academy Trust



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. This is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ. It is important during this time, to be thankful for God's wonderful gift of His only Son.

## **gather**

Starting in a dark, quiet space, light a candle with an adult helper. As you watch the flame flickering, take some time to remember that Jesus was sent to be a guiding light in the world. When your body and mind is peaceful and ready, make the sign of the cross.

At Mass this weekend, you will notice the first purple candle on the advent wreath being lit. This candle represents hope.



Before his coming, people hoped that Jesus could make the world a better place. Today, we have hope that we can continue to make the world a better place every day.

## **Scripture**

Isaiah 9: 2-6

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.*

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders: and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

## **Reflect and Pray**

Isaiah was writing during a long period of time when people felt really lost and sad, like they were in a really dark place. They had forgotten about God and had turned their backs on His love, making choices that made God



sad.

Isaiah knew that God wanted to save his people. Isaiah told people about a Saviour who was going to save humanity and guide them back into the light of God's love.

Look back at how Jesus was described:

*Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*



Isaiah was informing us of what Jesus was going to be like, long before he was sent to this earth. He was to be a listener and guide to the right direction; a powerful hero; a compassionate protector; the establisher of peace across the land.

In letting the people know what the Messiah was going to be like, Isaiah was helping them to prepare for His arrival. It brought hope to the people on Earth. It was a promise from God that He would save them, showing his unconditional love, even when they had rejected Him.

## **Closing Prayer**

Gracious God,

As Advent begins, prepare our hearts for the birth of Your Son, our Light. Help us find hope, peace, joy, and love, as we await His coming bright.

Guide us in quiet reflection and prayer, to welcome Christ with open hearts. May this season renew our faith, as His love in us imparts.

In His name we pray, Amen.

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