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**1st Sunday of Advent**  
 As you sit by the fire and feel its warmth this Advent, remember God's loving care for you.  
*Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11*

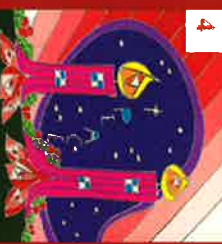
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 God's Word has the power to transform. Welcome it with joy  
*Is 29:17-24*

**29**  
 Jesus is coming! Let us prepare our lives for a blessing and not a reproach.  
*Psaln 25:4-5*

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 Open your eyes to the wonder of Advent "And God saw... it was very good" *Gen 1:31*

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 I set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.  
*Gen 9:13*

**6**  
 This week open your heart to receive the Lord Jesus and open your hands to share his love with others. Bring a gift to a Maternity Residence.

**7**  
 Gather your gifts and bring them to the Lord's house for the good of all.  
*1 Samuel 1:24-28*

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*Is 40:1-11*

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 Forgiveness is the beginning of healing and peace in our hearts.  
*Luke 5:17-26*

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*Matthew 1:18-25*

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# Maternity Advent Project



**A Prayer for Lighting Advent Candles**  
 In the darkness we light a flame of hope. May it dance not only upon our Advent wreath but within each of our hearts as well. Hope is the flower that blooms from the ground of Faith. And so, with joy, we keep the tradition of ages past as we encircle our Advent wreath with love and prayerful expectation. May this Advent season bring us a new birth of hope in the ancient promises of God  
 Amen.

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