

## **Prayer when lighting the Advent Candle before Mass**

## Week 1

Today we light the candle of hope.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our families. Help us to live holy lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord who was born in Bethlehem.

**Amen**