

Advent and Christmas Prayers

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I have come to love the Prayers of the Day for Advent.
The phrase “stir up” is tipping from law to Gospel.
This is a season to remember God is at work stirring us up...

Advent 1

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins,
and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation,
for you live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit one, God, now and forever. Amen.

Advent 2

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming nurture our growth as people
of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Advent 3

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and
strengthen our faith in your coming, that,
transformed by grace, we may walk in your way;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Advent 4

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
With your abundant grace and might,
free us from the sin that hinders our faith,
that eagerly we may receive your promises,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

