

Advent 'prayers of gratitude' for the Jewish people
(for inclusion in Prayers of the Faithful during Sunday Masses of Advent)

Chatswood Parish Advent 2007

Note: A 3-minute power point reflection will play during the lighting of the advent wreath at each Sunday Mass during Advent. This reflection depicts the faithful longings of our Jewish ancestors-in-faith, and our continued *maranatha* longings as Christians. This will provide a backdrop to the following prayers to be included in the Prayers of Intercession.

Week 1

At Advent we remember that, long before Jesus was born, the Jewish people waited with expectant faith for the coming of a messiah. We pray that, as Christians, we too may live with hope and expectant faith as we anticipate the day when Christ will come again. (We pray to the Lord.)

Week 2

Mindful of the fidelity of the Jewish people into whose community of faith the messiah was born, may Christians everywhere await Christ's final coming with fidelity and hope.

Week 3

During Advent we give thanks for our Jewish forefathers and foremothers in faith. May their faithful longings for the messiah inspire us as Christians in our love for our Saviour. (We pray to the Lord.)

Week 4

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we give thanks for the Jewish people, especially Mary, whose fidelity to the covenant brought forth our Saviour. May we rejoice in Christ's coming and eagerly anticipate the day he will come again. (We pray to the Lord.)