



Catholic Education Week Advance Kit Prayer

Advent 2019

“Our Hope in Christ”

(RCCDSB-Adapted)

SUGGESTED OPENING SONGS

- *Spark* ~ The City Harmonic (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVzrCGM_ill)
- *The Light of Christ* ~ Donald Fishel
- *Christ, Be Our Light* ~ Bernadette Farrell

OPENING PRAYER

Let us begin our prayer with the sign of our faith: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And let us pray:

Loving God,

You who created light in the beginning and the solar system which reminds us of winter's lengthening nights, help us trust once more in the power of your Son's birth.

May our preparations to celebrate Jesus' birth ignite His gift of hope in our lives again!

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen. +

READING: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows – light! Sunbursts of light! You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy. Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy! The joy of great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

Which line in the reading ignites hope within you?

Do you live in deep shadows or great light?

READING AND GUIDED REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words then, that I would like to say to every young Christian, are these: "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"
Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* to young people, 2019, #1

- How has Jesus Christ touched me in my life?
- Am I young at heart and full of life?
- How can my words ignite hope in the people I meet each day?

CLOSING PRAYER

Spirit of Jesus,
Bring calm to my mind, peace to my heart and silence to my soul.
In the silence may I hear your voice.
In the peace may I see your face.
And in the calm may I know your love for me.
In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen. +

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SUGGESTED CLOSING SONGS

- *Go Make A Difference* ~ Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek
- *All That is Hidden* ~ Bernadette Farrell
- *My Soul in Stillness Waits* ~ Marty Haugen