

Mary Candle

Adults and children will learn the meaning of the Mary Candle.



Instructions:

- On December 8th, color the Mary with the Baby Jesus image and attach it to the outside of the candle.
- Place a white cloth or tissue paper over the candle.
- Tie the cloth together with the blue ribbon.
- Place candle in the middle of your Advent Wreath and pray the Magnificat together.
- On Christmas, remove the cloth to reveal the image of Mary with the Baby Jesus. Light the candle and pray the Christmas Prayer to Mary.

The Story of the Mary Candle:

This German tradition honors our Blessed Mother during Advent.

The Mary candle expresses the words of Isaias, "There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of this root."

This ancient custom teaches its lesson with simplicity. The covered glass vessel represents the rod out of the root of Jesse, Our Lady, from whose womb will come the Savior of the world. The candle represents Christ, the Light of the World, who shall come to dispel all darkness and stain of sin.

The Magnificat:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.
He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones
but lifted up the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Christmas Prayer to Mary:

On this day, we join with Christians all over
the world rejoicing and celebrating the
birth of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world.

May we remember that it was through your
saying 'Yes' that we have been given
the gift of God's Love.

May the favor and blessings of Your son
shine upon us all the days of our lives.

And help us to bring that light of Christ to all
we meet and in all that we do, just as
you did.

Amen.