



Take time to focus on the work we do together with CWS partners through the Christmas Appeal through the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day. You may like to lead the first prayer before lighting the candle. Invite someone to read the Partner Story and then add the suggested item to the area around the Advent wreath.

**LIGHTING OUR ADVENT  
CANDLE OF HOPE**

Today we remember 75 years of Christian World Service’s Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of our aid Agency in the provision of hope in our world.

Our first Advent candle speaks to our hunger for hope, it speaks to our world’s hunger for hope. Rasu has hope that she might grow food to improve her family’s diet.  
*(Light the candle)*

This candle represents the future that is full of possibilities for a new way of living as we dream our dreams.

**We are hungry for hope.**

**Partner Story:**

Rasu picks tea in Sri Lanka. She climbs the steep hills, plucking a few leaves from each bush to put in the sack around her head. It is hard work and the pay is not good. She has to buy all the food for her family from the plantation store but she dreams of starting a small mushroom farm so she can improve their diet and earn money for school and medical costs. If only she could have a small patch of land to grow food and a living wage, her family would do better. We are hungry for hope.

*You may like to add a bowl of tea leaves to your Advent wreath to remember the tea pickers.*

**LIGHTING OUR ADVENT  
CANDLE OF PEACE**

Today we remember 75 years of Christian World Service’s Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of our Aid Agency in its work for peace in our world.

**Partner Story:**

Jenty knows what it is like to be hungry and afraid. Conflict has rippled through her home in South Sudan since it was founded in 2011. This time she fled on foot with her children to Maridi a fast- growing town on one of the new country’s few roads. They

Our Second Advent candle speaks to our hunger for peace,  
it speaks to our world's hunger for peace.  
Jenty lost her husband and home due to conflict and longs for peace.

*(Light the candle)*

The candle represents that the future is full of peaceful possibilities for a new way of living as we dream of peace.

**We are hungry for peace.**

arrived with nothing but the community always welcomes people displaced by the conflict. She is proud of her garden and the maize she has planted. Food grows well here. Let us pray that peace will take root in South Sudan. We are hungry for peace.

*You may like to add a small hoe or other garden to remember displaced people.*

### **LIGHTING OUR ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY**

Today we remember 75 years of Christian World Service's Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of our Aid Agency in spreading joy in our world.

Our Third Advent candle speaks to our hunger for joy,  
it speaks to our world's hunger for joy.  
The people of Haiti have survived hurricanes and look to defeat Covid-19.

*(Light the candle)*

The candle represents that the future is full of joyful possibilities for a new way of living as we look to the future with joy.

**We are hungry for joy.**

### **Partner Story:**

Here the land is flat but in other parts of Haiti it is steep and barren. Covid-19 is the latest in a list of challenges that includes earthquakes, hurricanes, cholera and drought. Growing food is hard work, especially when the land is tired. Mirlande is delighted to harvest new crops for her family, replanted after a hurricane. With good food, they will be healthier and able to make the most of the few opportunities they have to celebrate the good things of life - before the next storm comes. We are hungry for joy.

*You may like to add a small container of seeds to your Advent wreath to remember small farmers in Haiti.*

### **LIGHTING OUR ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE**

Today we remember 75 years of Christian World Service's Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of our Aid Agency labouring for love in our world.

Our Fourth Advent candle speaks to our hunger for love,

### **Partner Story:**

Frances is in charge of the new Food Bank in Fiji. She can't grow enough cabbage and tomato on this church land for all those who have limited food options but she can show others what to do. During Covid-19, it is important for people to eat fresh food to boost their immunity and stay healthy, she



<p>it speaks to our world's hunger for love. We have a Food Bank for all who are in need. (Light the candle)</p> <p>The candle represents a future of love-filled possibilities for a new way of living where love is real. <b>We are hungry for love.</b></p>	<p>says. We cannot feed everyone but we can make them think. We share God's love by giving people seeds to take home and caring for creation. We are hungry for love.</p> <p><i>You may like to add some young vegetable plants to your Advent wreath to remember those who grow food.</i></p>
<p><b>LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE</b></p> <p>Today we remember 75 years of Christian World Service's Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of our Aid Agency incarnating love in our world.</p> <p>Today we light the Christ Candle representing God's love for me, for us, and for the world that our hunger for hope, peace, joy and love, can be quenched as we disciples of Jesus provide hope, peace, joy and love to both stranger and friend. When disaster strikes, we come with food. (Light the candle)</p> <p>The candle represents a future filled with hope, peace, joy and love We are hungry for the food of God.</p>	<p><b>Partner Story:</b></p> <p>In Lebanon, Elias and his young teams of refugees are cleaning up homes and comforting people struggling to recover months after the explosion at Beirut's port. Down on the ground local ACT Alliance members are organising cash vouchers and food and hygiene packs to distribute to families they know have none. Others are delivering hot meals to traumatised people like Karma and her son with no windows, electricity or food. It is work made possible by our work together. Christmas is the day we bring gifts for each other and those who are in need. We pray for all people recovering from disaster. We will share what we can so no one is hungry.</p> <p><i>You may like to add some Christmas Appeal envelopes to your Advent wreath or special Christmas treats to share at the end of service.</i></p>

