Directions for Making Advent Candle Jars

1. **On a quart sized Mason jar place a round sticker with the candle lighting words by Philip Newell on the lid. (Prayers and candle lighting liturgy are below.)**
2. **On four smaller Mason jars place a sticker with a prayer for each week in Advent: Week 1 – Look, Week 2 – Prepare, Week 3 – Live, Week 4 – Tell.**

3. **Measure ½ Cup Epsom salt into each of the four small jars and 1 Cup into the large jar.**
4. **Place one purple votive candle in each of the three smaller jars, one pink candle in a small jar, and tall (2” x 6”) white candle in the large jar. This is the Christ candle to be lit**

on Christmas Eve. With a marker write the numbers 1, 2, 4 on separate purple tags. Write the number 3 on the pink tag.

5. **Tie the purple and pink tags onto the corresponding jar with raffia:**
   Week 1 – Look (purple label with #1)
   Week 2 – Prepare (purple label with #2)
   Week 3 – Live (pink label with #3)
   Week 4 – Tell (purple label with #4)
6. **Place on a tray or arrange on your table. You may wish to add greens or other decorations or use alone.**

Candle Lighting

Remove the lid of the large jar and give it to one person to read the words on it while another lights the candle(s) for the corresponding week(s) of Advent. Ask another person to read the prayer on the smaller jar lid for that week. Invite all present to share in conversation about the ways they could become or did participate in making the prayer a reality that day.

Prayers

Large Jar: We light a light
In the name of the God
Who creates life,
In the name of the Savior
Who loves life,
In the name of the Spirit
Who is the fire of life.
From *Celtic Treasure* by
J. Philip Newell

Week 1: Dear God, by the light of this candle, help us LOOK for signs of your kingdom drawing near.
Week 2: Dear God, by the light of this candle help us PREPARE for your kingdom drawing near.
Week 3: Dear God, by the light of this candle help us LIVE for your kingdom drawing near.
Week 4: Dear God, by the light of this candle help us TELL of your kingdom drawing near.
Prayers written by Rev. Amy Morgan

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