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The Third Week of Advent



The 3rd week of **ADVENT** is characterized by **JOY**. The 3rd candle lit during this week is usually **PINK**, signifying the **JOY** that comes from the nearing celebration of **CHRISTMAS**. Often referred to as the “Shepherd’s Candle,” it emphasizes the **JOY** announced by the angels at **JESUS’** birth and the **JOY** of the shepherds seeing the newborn King.

This Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word for
“REJOICE”

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Prayer for **JOY**

This 3rd week of **ADVENT**, let us remember that the good news of **JESUS'** birth has the power to bring us great **JOY** this **CHRISTMAS** season. Our **JOY** isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete **JOY**. Our **JOY** comes from you. That **JOY** that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the **JOY** that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with **REJOICING**.

Father, you offer that same **JOY** to us now if we know you and recognize **JESUS** as our Savior and Lord. You gave us a reason to celebrate when you gave us the unspeakable gift of **JESUS CHRIST**. You came to dwell among us. You went to Calvary's cross for us. You overcame death and rose from the dead for us. You forgive our sins and give us eternal life when we believe in you.

Our **JOY** doesn't come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our **JOY** doesn't come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our **JOY** is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first **CHRISTMAS** in **JESUS CHRIST**. Our **JOY** is encompassed in our Savior, King **JESUS**. Flood our heart with **JOY** this **ADVENT** season as we reflect on the good news of **JESUS'** birth. In **JESUS'** precious name we pray.



Amen



Philippians 4:4-5 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

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