

## *Advent - Week 3*

### *The Candle of Joy*



#### **Day 15 — Rejoice in Hope**

*Scripture: Romans 12:1:*

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*

Reflection: Joy springs from hope — the quiet confidence that God’s promises endure. Even in trials, we can rejoice because our hearts are held in His love. True joy is not fleeting; it is rooted in trust.

Prayer: Creator God, fill me with joy that no darkness can overcome, the joy of knowing You are near. Amen.

[Light a Candle for Hopeful Joy](#)

#### **Day 16 — Joy of the Shepherds**

*Scripture: Luke 2:20*

*“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.”*

Reflection: The shepherds were simple, ordinary people, yet they were the first to hear the Good News. God’s joy comes to humble hearts ready to receive Him. Let us rejoice in that same simplicity and wonder.

Prayer: Creator God, help me to find joy in humble places and to glorify You in all things. Amen.

[Light a Candle for Joyful Praise](#)

## Day 17 — The Joy of Giving

*Scripture: Acts 20:35*

*“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

**Reflection:** Joy grows when it is shared. Acts of kindness and generosity open our hearts to God’s grace. Give not from abundance, but from love — and joy will overflow.

Prayer: Creator God, make my heart generous. May I find joy in giving, as You gave Yourself for us. Amen.

[Light a Candle in Thanksgiving](#)

## Day 18 — Joy in the Waiting

*Scripture: Psalm 126:5*

*“Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.”*

**Reflection:** Advent teaches that waiting is not wasted time. Even in seasons of longing, God works within us. Our patience becomes fertile soil for joy to blossom.

Prayer: Creator God, teach me to wait with joy, trusting that Your timing brings fullness of life. Amen.

[Light a Candle While You Wait](#)

## Day 19 — The Joy of Mary

*Scripture: Luke 1:46–47*

*“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”*

**Reflection:** Mary’s joy was born of surrender — a heart fully given to God. Her Magnificat echoes through the ages as a song of holy joy. May we learn from her to rejoice in God’s mercy.

Prayer: Creator God, fill me with your joy. Help me to magnify the Lord in my daily life. Amen.

[Light a Candle with Mary](#)

## Day 20 — Joy Shared in Community

*Scripture: Romans 12:15*

*“Rejoice with those who rejoice.”*

**Reflection:** Joy is contagious when shared. This Advent, celebrate with family, friends, and faith community. Rejoicing together reflects the unity of the Body of Christ.

Prayer: Creator God, may my joy uplift others. Unite our hearts in shared gratitude for Your coming. Amen.

[Light a Candle for Loved Ones](#)

## Day 21 — Joy That Endures

*Scripture: John 16:22*

*“Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”*

**Reflection:** The joy of Christ endures beyond emotions and circumstances. It is a quiet, radiant flame that no darkness can extinguish. Carry this joy into the days ahead.

Prayer: Creator God, fill me with lasting joy — the joy that flows from Your love and presence within me. Amen.

[Light a Candle for Lasting Joy](#)

