

# Advent Daily Reflections

**Week 3: JOY** (December 16-22, 2018)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Sunday, December 16, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: III John 1:4</b> <i>“I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is your “greatest joy”?</li><li>• How did you teach your children, so that they are “walking in the truth”?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray for God to give you “no greater joy” than to know that your “children are walking in the truth.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Monday, December 17, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: Philemon 1:7</b> <i>“I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you...”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From what have you “received much joy and encouragement”?</li><li>• Whose “hearts” have you “refreshed”?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray for God to use you to “refresh the hearts” of others.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Tuesday, December 18, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: I Thessalonians 3:9</b> <i>“How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do you “thank God” for the “joy” that you feel?</li><li>• Who causes you to “feel joy”?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray that God will fill you with “joy”, so that you will “thank God.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Daily Reflections</b> Wednesday, December 19, 2018</p> <p><b>Bible Verse: Isaiah 51:11</b> <i>“So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”</i></p> <p><b>Reflection Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When is “everlasting joy upon your head”?</li><li>• In your life, what causes “sorrow and sighing” to “flee away”?</li></ul> <p><b>Prayer Topic:</b> Pray that God will bring “everlasting joy” upon your head.</p>

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Thursday, December 20, 2018

**Bible Verse: I Chronicles 16:27**

*“Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.”*

**Reflection Questions:**

- What words like “honor” and “majesty” would you use to describe God?
- What do you find in God’s “place”?

**Prayer Topic:**

Pray that you will find “strength and joy” with God.

### Advent Daily Reflections

Friday, December 21, 2018

**Bible Verse: Romans 15:13**

*“May the God of hope, fill you with all joy and hope in believing, so you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

**Reflection Questions:**

- With what does God “fill you”?
- In what ways do you “abound in hope”?

**Prayer Topic:**

Pray that God will “fill you” with “hope”, “joy” and “the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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Saturday, December 22, 2018

**Bible Verse: Luke 1:14**

*“You will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at his birth...”*

**Reflection Questions:**

- What brings you “joy and gladness”?
- What causes you to “rejoice at his (Jesus’) birth”?

**Prayer Topic:**

Pray that God will give you “joy and gladness”, so that you may “rejoice” at the birth of Jesus.

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We invite you to join us for worship:

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

We also invite you to join us for learning:

Adult Education: Sundays at 8:40 a.m.

Sunday School: Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

**Special Opportunities**

Dec. 20: Christmas Caroling, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: Lessons & Carols, 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve services, 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Special music begins 30 minutes prior to each service).