

# Advent Season 2015

## A prayer and scriptural guide to celebrating Christ together

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**Week 3 of 5 – Dec. 6- 12, Theme: Joy**

### **Sunday:**

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-8

*Prayers:*

“God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving from Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

“Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promise make us one in mind and heart. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

### **Monday-Tuesday:**

Scripture: John 16:16-24

*Prayer:*

“O almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto your people, that they may love the thing which you command, and desire what you promise; that so, amidst this changing world, our hearts may be secured in you, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

### **Wednesday-Thursday:**

Scripture: Psalm 16

*Prayer:*

“O almighty God, who has called us to faith in you, and has surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses; Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of your saints, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through your mercy, we, with them, attain to your eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

### **Friday-Saturday:**

Scripture: Hab. 3

*Prayer:*

“Grant, O Lord, we ask, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”