

# Advent Season 2017

## A prayer and scriptural guide to celebrating Christ together

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**Week 4 of 5 - Dec. 17- 23, Theme: Joy**

### **Sunday:**

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4

*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: 1 Peter 1:3-8

*Prayer:*

“Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

### **Wednesday-Thursday:**

Scripture: John 15:1-11

*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.”

### **Friday-Saturday:**

Scripture: Psalm 95

*Prayer:*

“Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”