



## Intercessions

Let us pray in hope to Christ, whose coming sows seeds of rejoicing in all the world:

**R/** Come to rule the earth!

Your coming fulfills the world's longing: make our lives a witness to your presence and your promise.

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Your coming brings hope to those who suffer: make our lives a witness to your compassionate love. **R/**

Your coming brings freedom to those who endure amid falsehoods of every kind: make our lives a witness to your truth. **R//**

Your coming brings joy to all peoples: make our lives a witness to the Good News of -redemption **R/**

## **Personal intentions**

### **Our Father....**

*O God of all good, you sent your Son to bring sight to the sightless, healing to the hurt, cleansing to the unclean, hearing to the deaf, life to those condemned to death. Make your Church a living proclamation of your rule, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SUNDAY, December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Reading 1** Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully,  
O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has removed the  
judgment against you, he has turned away your  
enemies; the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your  
midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.  
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear  
not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your  
God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will  
rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in  
his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as  
one sings at festivals.

**Reading 2** Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with

thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel** Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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