

DECEMBER 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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Rejoice, repent, and be at peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 3:7-18	One more powerful is coming
Monday	Luke 13:1-9	Jesus calls for repentance
Tuesday	Acts 2:1, 36-42	Peter calls for repentance
Wednesday	Acts 13:16-39	Paul preaches about John
Thursday	Acts 17:22-31	Paul speaks of repentance
Friday	John 15:1-8	Producing fruit in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 1	The fruit of the righteous
Sunday	Luke 1:39-55	Mary visits Elizabeth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. **Philippians 4:7 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, bless us with the Holy Spirit. Make our hearts burn with love for you. Amen. (Luke 3:16)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, bless our home with peace this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus watch over your heart and your mind and give you his peace. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- What makes you anxious? Share about a recent worry of yours.
- Read Philippians 4:4-7. What do these verses say we should do when we feel worried?
- The apostle Paul said that “the Lord is near.” How does our faith help us when we worry?

DEVOTIONS



Use this simple liturgy for lighting your third Advent candle this week:

Leader: The prophet Isaiah said that Jesus would be the Prince of Peace. Our third Advent candle is the candle of peace. As we light it, let us celebrate the peace that Jesus gives us. (Light three candles.)

All: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us peace. Fill our home with peace this Advent. Amen.

SERVICE



Make the gift of service one of your Christmas gifts this year. Consider doing acts of love that could be offered in your own home and also with others beyond your family. Options include visiting someone who is sick or alone, bringing a meal, or helping with chores in your home. Write down your acts of service on index cards and give them as gifts at Christmas time. (See Luke 3:11-14)

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Set aside time during this week to read together one of your favorite Christmas-related stories, share past Christmas memories, and sing Advent hymns and Christmas carols. Sit around your meal table or Christmas tree, light a candle, and play soft Christmas music in the background. You might also enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and some Christmas treats.



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