

Prayers of the people for Sunday Advent Three: Joy

IF we would have our share of joy, we must first learn to give it.

Heavenly Father, as we continue to prepare for Christmas, help us to find in our busy lives time to be quiet so we can through prayer appreciate your love. As we remember the story of Jesus' birth through Advent worship, deepen our joy, invigorate our prayers and praise. Help it to challenge the way we live our lives.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, Bless Our Minister, Peggy and our congregation, the active and retired clergy and lay leaders in Comox- Nanaimo Presbytery and in the Anglican cycle, Saint Peter, Campbell River and Saint Saviour –by-the- Sea, Cortes Island.

Lord in Your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, May our joy in You increase, as we realise the many ways that we have benefitted from Your Blessings despite our shortcomings. Help us to pass on our faith so that others might praise You with the same joy as Mary did.

Lord in Your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful Lord, we pray for the Nations of the world where pride interferes with power to produce tyranny, where the separation between rich and poor is beyond imagination and where people have been hungry so long that they have never known a satisfying meal.

Lord in Your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we raise before You the sick and suffering that You would remove everything that prevents them from enjoying health and wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

Lord in Your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we rejoice for those who now experience the joy of heaven according to the promises you made to Abraham and to us his descendants. We especially remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

Lord in Your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, our hearts rejoice in the warmth of Your Love and our minds search for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing to grow in love that we might become one in You and continue to worship in unity. Amen

Diane Parks, December 11, 2016