

Sunday, December 1

# hope

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

*Romans 15:3 (NIV)*

The first candle symbolizes hope. This week celebrates the anticipation and expectation of the coming Messiah. As we light the candle of hope, let us remember that no matter the season, God's promises endure.

Lord, thank you for the hope that is found in you. We pray for:

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Sunday, December 8

# *peace*

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

*John 14:27 (NIV)*

The second candle represents peace. This week, we rest in the peace that Christ offers, which calms our troubled hearts. May His peace fill us as we prepare to celebrate the Prince of Peace, who reigns forever.

Lord, thank you for your omnipresent peace. We pray for:

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Sunday, December 15

# joy

*“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”*

*Psalm 16:11 (NIV)*

The third candle signifies joy. This week, which is sometimes called "Gaudete" Sunday (meaning "rejoice" in Latin), celebrates the joy of Christ's coming. May the joy that Christ offers us be rooted in His constant presence.

Lord, thank you for the joy your presence brings. We pray for:

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Sunday, December 22

# love

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16  
(NIV)*

The final candle represents love. In the final week of Advent, we focus on the greatest expression of love: God sending His Son for our salvation. As we anticipate Christmas and light the candle of love, let us extend this love to others, reflecting Christ’s sacrifice in our daily lives.

Lord, thank you for your unconditional love. We pray for:

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