

JOY

ADVENT PASSAGE OF JOY TO READ LUKE 2:8-21



Activity

The Angels declared that they were bringing a message to the shepherd that was a tiding of joy for all peoples. In hearing this joyful message the shepherds went to where Jesus was and in seeing the saviour of the world they were filled with a heart of gratitude and Joyful message to tell others.

Use the strips of paper to write either something you are grateful for that God has provided, or to declare aloud a joyful message to others. It could be a scripture or a personal prayer of your own. Then take your strip and join it onto the paperchain of joy.

Prayers of Joy

God of joy, we thank You for the Good News we now know and carry in our hearts. Allow us to be those who bring light to dark places in the world, where there is mourning to bring your joy. We pause in this advent season to remember Jesus, a sign of your love for us and the joy that the world so needs.

God of joy may Your joy fill our hearts and grace our lips so that we might reflect and proclaim Your joy to our neighbours, homes, workplace, school and world. Amen.

Repentance Prayer

Father God, have mercy on us; have mercy on me. It is your will for us to give thanks in all circumstances and to be a joyful people. Forgive me for those times I grumble and forget all You have done and provided in Jesus. Thank You it is your grace towards us that makes this Joyful calling possible. Lord in these times of grumbling restore to me the Joy of Your salvation, so that I might be Your light that displays Your goodness. Amen

Salvation Prayer

Loving Father, Wonderful Jesus, I thank You for coming after me and saving me. Thank You for bringing me into Your fold. Thank you for turning my mourning to dancing, for removing my garment of sin and clothing me with Joy. I will proclaim Your name and glorify You. Lord, use this Joy you have given me to be a light that will draw my friends, family, and relatives to You. Amen