



do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God Micah 6:8

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We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created in the very image and likeness of God!

As a Christian community, we know this:

God tells us to Rejoice!

Daily reflection:

(Luke 1:46-48; Lectionary for Masses with Children)

During Advent, we focus particularly on Mary, the mother of Jesus. The bible tells us that Mary was so happy to be the mother of Jesus that she sang a song:

“My soul rejoices in the Lord,
And I am glad because of God, my Savior.
He cares for me, his humble servant.
From now on, all people will say God has blessed me.
God All-Powerful has done great things for me, and his name is holy.”

Daily decision for action...

Do you ever feel so happy that you just start singing a song?
God wants us to be so happy that the joy has to come out somehow.
Maybe we sing. Maybe we draw a beautiful picture. Maybe we hug someone.
Today, let your joy spill out and make the world a happier place.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church during this season of Advent, that our own joy will show God’s love to the world.

For all nations in the world, for peace and respect among all people.

For parents and children in difficult circumstances, that they will find joy in the love of those around them.

For all of us, that we will spread the joy of God to everyone we meet.

Blessing: *(the prayer of Aaron upon the people: Num. 6:23b–26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

And we say together with all of the people of God:

Amen!