

MINDFUL MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: Luke 2:10

Joy to the World the Lord has come!

Out of all the feelings we have during the holidays, many would say Joy is the one that represents Christmas the most. Children feel Joy when they receive that wanted gift. Families feel Joy as they come together, especially with relatives from afar or not seen often. Retailers experience Joy with the end of year boost in sales. Teachers and students receive joy with a winter break. Material and commercial things tend to take over, but today let's remember the true Joy we should all experience this season. Jesus' birth brings us Joy, promise, hope, and love. The gift of Jesus is one that lasts not only his lifetime, but all our lifetimes. We receive salvation and eternal life. We receive Joy. As we enter this third week of Advent, gift Joy to others. Share the Joy of the season and share Jesus with all.

We give thanks for Joy experienced with the preschool Christmas program during worship. We pray for our church and the upcoming new year. We pray for those on our prayer list. We pray for spoken and unspoken prayers.

This week's regional prayer calendar list that we pray for is the following congregations, pastors, and ministries.

Broadway Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA, Vergarie Sandford

First Christian Church of St. Paul, MN, Dennis Sanders

Jerry Thordsen, Emily Steeples

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