

Intercessions for Advent 3: Joy of Giving

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord, let us offer our prayers with joy and thanksgiving, trusting in God's love and generosity.

*Before each Intercession an 'O' Antiphon is sung by the choir
After each Reading a verse of the hymn 'O Come O Come Emmanuel' is sung by all*

*O WISDOM, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily, and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

O Wisdom, you teach us to order all things with might and sweetness. Grant your church the grace to share its blessings with the world, bearing fruits worthy of repentance. Inspire generosity among us, that we may reflect your light and truth in all we do.

**O come thou wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O ADONAI, and Leader of the House of Israel, who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sinai: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

O Adonai, you have called your people to freedom and faithfulness. Strengthen all leaders in the church and in the world to act with justice and compassion, that they may lead others in the way of peace and joy.

**O come desire of nations! Show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou cornerstone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O VIRGIN OF VIRGINS, how shall this be? for neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations and their Salvation: Come and save us O Lord our God.

O Emmanuel, God with us, you are the joy of every longing heart. As we commit ourselves to your mission, fill us with gratitude for your blessings. May our giving bring glory to your name and joy to the lives of others.

**O come O come Emmanuel !
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Concluding Prayer:

Leader: Loving God, you call us to share in your joy through lives of generosity and faithfulness. Receive the prayers we have offered, and guide us to bear fruits of repentance in our words and actions. May our giving, in all its forms, prepare the way of the Lord and reflect your boundless love, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May our chaplaincy be a place where stewardship builds up the body of Christ.

**O come, O come Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed in awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*O ROOT OF JESSE, which standest as an ensign of the people;
at whom kings shall shut their mouths,
to whom the Gentiles shall seek:
Come and deliver us, and tarry not.*

O Root of Jesse, you are the hope of all nations. Fill the hearts of those who give their time, talents, and resources with your joy. May their generosity transform lives and nurture faith, here in our community and beyond.

**O come, thou root of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*O KEY OF DAVID, and Sceptre of the House of Israel;
that openest, and no man shutteth;
and shuttest and no man can openeth:
Come and bring the prisoner out of the prisonhouse,
and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.*

O Key of David, you open the door to life and salvation. Free those imprisoned by fear, poverty, and despair. Help us to share with others, as John the Baptist taught, so that your joy may abound in their lives.

**O come, thou Lord of David's key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*O DAYSPRING, Brightness of Light everlasting,
and Sun of righteousness:
Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness,
and the shadow of death.*

O Dayspring, your light pierces the darkness and brings hope to the weary. Shine on those who are burdened by the challenges of life. May our acts of giving and service reflect your healing love and bring joy to those in need.

**O come, O come thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*O KING OF THE NATIONS, and their Desire:
the Cornerstone, who makes both one:
Come, and save mankind,
whom thou formedst of clay.*

O King of the Nations, you unite us as one people through your love. Bless all who work for the common good and inspire generosity in every heart. May our chaplaincy be a beacon of hope, peace, and joy for all who seek you.