

Daily Devotion For November 29, 2022

I pray that **God, the source of hope**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. " Romans 15:13

Sunday, the first advent candle was lit by Richard and Natsuko Marquez. The first Advent candle, known as the Prophet's Candle, represents hope. Throughout the Old Testament many prophets, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah they knew would come. None of them knew when God's promise of a Savior would be fulfilled, but they kept trusting in God, because He is always faithful.

We all have things we're hoping for. Some hope for good health, other's better finances, others healing to relationships, and so on. Some of the things we hope for can be written on our Christmas list and maybe they'll appear under the tree at Christmas.

Other hopeful things we bring to God in prayer. But sometimes it's hard to stay hopeful when the thing you're waiting for isn't happening.

As we begin this season of Advent, let's embrace this time of hope. No matter what our circumstances look like, we know — just like the prophets knew — that God is faithful and good. He loves us, and He wants to draw us closer to Him. We can let go of our worry, stress, and envy, because our hope is in Him.

Thought For Today: What are you hoping for this Christmas season? Something you can write on a list and find under your tree on Christmas day? Or is it something more intangible. Advent is a time to embrace hope.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for the hope that can be found in His son Jesus Christ. Let God know your hopes for this Christmas season and wait patiently for God to answer. Deo Volente.