

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, B

### Priest Celebrant

Heed St Paul's teaching, brothers and sisters:  
Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing:

### Deacon/Cantor/Priest

(**Optional:** "Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**")

For Christ's Body, the Church -  
the sign of glad tidings to the poor,  
and of healing to the brokenhearted,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For moral governments and the equitable sharing  
of food, health care, and education among the peoples of the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For protection of the environment  
and the preservation of its resources for future generations,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For peace in the land of Jesus' birth and its neighbors;  
for an end to terrorism;  
for the release of political captives and prisoners,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the relief of Iraqi citizens and  
the safe home-coming of our armed forces,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For [ , and all]  
our sick,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For [ , and]  
whoever has died recently,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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May the God of peace make you perfectly holy,  
and preserve you blameless  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.