



For Us
AND FOR *Our*
SALVATION

An Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Experience

COMFORT, COMFORT
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

REMEMBER

Many people think comfort means insulation from the challenges of life through financial security, peace of mind, or the ability to surround ourselves with better “things.” But that kind of comfort is temporary at best. The comfort God gives us is the strength and stamina for any challenge life brings: confidence to know God will be with us, and humility to joyfully accept our need of him.

READ

PSALM 85

God, you smiled on your good earth!
You brought good times back to Jacob!
You lifted the cloud of guilt from your people,
you put their sins far out of sight.
You took back your sin-provoked threats,
you cooled your hot, righteous anger.

Help us again, God of our help;
don't hold a grudge against us forever.
You aren't going to keep this up, are you?
scowling and angry, year after year?
Why not help us make a fresh start—a resurrection life?
Then your people will laugh and sing!
Show us how much you love us, God!
Give us the salvation we need!

I can't wait to hear what he'll say.
God's about to pronounce his people well,

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The holy people he loves so much,
so they'll never again live like fools.
See how close his salvation is
to those who fear him?
Our country is home base for Glory!

Love and Truth meet in the street,
Right Living and Whole Living embrace and kiss!
Truth sprouts green from the ground,
Right Living pours down from the skies!
Oh yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty;
our land responds with Bounty and Blessing.
Right Living strides out before him,
and clears a path for his passage.

PRAY

Provider of righteousness and peace,
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
you reunited heaven and earth.
When sin disrupts the harmony of creation,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon your waiting people
that we would trust you, love you,
and become your agents of reconciliation
in a cruel and hurting world. Amen.

LIGHT

As we light this second candle of Advent, we
remember the comfort God gives even as we wait
for Christ's return. Emmanuel means "God is with
us."

God, our Father,
from nothing you created our world.
You formed us, love us,
and you give us all that we need.

God, our Savior,
you rescued us from sin.
You have given us new life
and hope of healing to the world.

God, our Comforter,
you are with us always.
You comfort us, renew us,
and guide us into your truth.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Spirit,
for your gracious love for us, we praise you.
Amen

SING

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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