



We can consider Advent as a time for reading signs. The Word of God announced that the coming of the Kingdom would be the salvation of the poor. Jesus invites us not to lose confidence, and not to fill our hearts with illusions, because God is sending us clear signs of His saving love. Jesus gives us a beautiful testimony about John: "But what did you see in the end? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, he is much more than a prophet". For John, the Baptist had the honour of preparing the way for the Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world. That is Advent: the privileged moment to learn, to feel and to welcome the God who comes to save, to heal and to set us free.

“The Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, **is a call to joy, despite problems and sufferings**, and it is "in the midst of problems and sufferings" that the certainty arises, that God accompanies His children and nourishes hope and courage. But in order to welcome the Lord's invitation to rejoice, we must be people who are ready to question ourselves. Thus, just as those who listened to St John, the Baptist asked themselves " What shall we do?", each one should ask oneself " **What shall I do?**"? ”

Dear Friends of the ACI Family, dear Sisters,

“Let us pray for one another, saying together: Come, Lord Jesus, we need You. Come close to us. You are the Light: awaken us from the dream of mediocrity, awaken us from the darkness of indifference. Come, Lord Jesus, make our hearts, which are now distracted, vigilant: make us feel the desire to pray and the need to love.”

Pope Francis

What gestures, attitudes, thoughts and feelings do I practice in my daily life in order to open the doors to the Redeemer? ?

With friendship,

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