



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Strengthen Our Hearts*

*God's grace can accomplish more in people than we can ever imagine. GRACE, God's on-going sharing of the Holy One's very self with all creation, quietly, but surely, moves us to embrace the divine will and carry it out. Most of the time we are not even aware of what God is doing in and through us.*

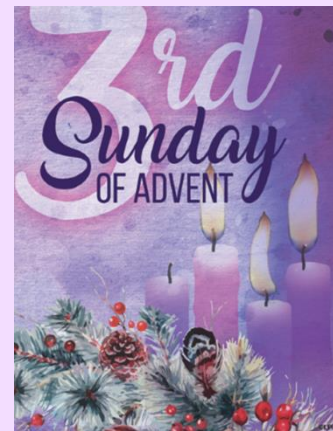
*Advent offers us the opportunity to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord into our lives. It is not what we do, but what God is waiting to do in us.*

*The epistle of James says, "Strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord is near."*

*James 5:8. Advent calls us to a METANOIA—a serious change of heart, a complete turning*

*around. It calls us to a change of heart and the desire to deepen our commitment to Jesus and his Gospel message. When the goal is far in the distance, it can be difficult to justify great change in our lives. The coming of God's kingdom sometimes seems such a remote possibility, that we sometimes become complacent on the need for change. It can be easy to conjure up any plausible excuse to stay comfortable with the status quo.*

*My friends, let us be sensitive to others as we become mindful of our own need to change. They might not recognize or appreciate, the new you. This is why we need God's grace in order to accept one another, and to live in perfect harmony with others. There is no*



*need to fear the future. Each of us can impact the future by living according to the dictates of our faith. MAY THE LORD STRENGTHEN OUR HEARTS WITH THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE. Advent means hope as the word of God has become flesh in our lives in the person of Jesus.*



*HAPPY ADVENT TO ALL.*

*May the coming Christmas bring us Holiness in Peace.*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*