

# IMPROVING HEALTH IN GUATEMALA

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**MATTHEW 11:2-11 | PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE LORD**

**ADVENT WEEK 3 | CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY**

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God of Hope, thank you for the unexpected messengers you place in our lives. As we look ahead with joyful anticipation for your coming, give us the discernment and patience to pause and see how you are showing up now, every day, in ways big and small. God of the wilderness:

**EMBOLDEN US TO SHINE YOUR HOPE  
INTO ALL THE WORLD.**

God of Hope, as we light this third candle, open our hearts to recognize the seeds of hope you sow in our lives and in the world, especially when despair seems to prevail. May we give the gift of rediscovered hope and joy to our neighbors near and far. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, today we remember our siblings in Guatemala. May your love continue to bloom in Irma and her family

and neighbors through doctors, nurses and clinic staff. As vegetables root deep into the earth, may your joy produce roots that lift their hearts and spirits above the challenges of the day. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, thank you for all the ways you lead and guide us each day. We often long for a sign from you to show us the way. Give us discerning hearts to recognize and welcome your messengers, even and especially when they make us uncomfortable. Give us wisdom to recognize you in one another, and to see your Kingdom bursting into the world around us when we least expect it. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One we long for in this season of hope.

**AMEN.**



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