

WRAP Yourself in Joy - Podcast 103

JOY Declarations

Thank you, Heavenly Father, Jesus, my Savior, and Holy Spirit, my powerful Guide for your love and JOY. I can say with confidence.

1. **LOVE. God Loves me, Jesus Loves me, the Holy Spirit Loves Me. God's love overflows me greater than Niagara Falls and fills me with JOY.**

Romans 8: 8. God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. NRSVCE

John 15: 9-11. [Jesus] As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love... I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.) NRSVCE

2. **NEAR. God is Near (nigh) to me and present with Me Always.**

Psalm 145:18. The LORD is near to all who call on him...

Psalm 139: 1-6. O Lord, You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You ...are acquainted with all my ways.

Matthew 28: 20. [Jesus] And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. NRSVCE

Note on nigh: Near is used in most English Bibles today but older translations use the term *nigh* (e.g., *Douay-Rheims, American Edition*). The older term *nigh* more accurately expresses the original Hebrew meaning which is *very close in time, place and relationship*.

3. **HELP. God is my helper and support; He is for ME, not against Me.**

Isaiah 41: 10, 13. Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. NRSVCE

Romans 8: 31. If God is for us, who is against us? NRSVCE

Hebrews 13: 6. The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me? NRSVCE

4. **FRUIT. The Holy Spirit indwells me and bears the fruit of JOY in my life so I will exude Joy.**

Romans 14: 17. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5: 22-23. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, ... and self-control.) NRSVCE