

# PROVIDING BETTER FUTURES IN PERU

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**MATTHEW 3:1-12 | FINDING HOPE IN THE WILDERNESS**

**ADVENT WEEK 2 | CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY**

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God of Hope, John the Baptist reminds us that choosing your way sometimes leads us into the wilderness. When we cry out for your divine comfort, teach us also to speak tenderly to our neighbors near and far, proclaiming your love to all. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, as we light this second candle, we remember that you call us to courage. When we meet injustice, may we hold firm. When it feels easier to turn away, strengthen us to see you in the face of our neighbor, especially those we may not understand. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, today we remember our siblings in Peru who live their lives in a real, physical wilderness. Give Deysi and her family continued courage in their journey. May we learn from our neighbors how to see beauty and life in our own wild places. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, as John challenged his followers to open their eyes and hearts to different priorities, grant us the courage to open our own. Help us speak your love into the lives of our neighbors with boldness and compassion. God of the wilderness:

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God of Hope, thank you for loving us as we are, and for giving us the courage to continue becoming. May we see hope and life in the transformation to which you call us. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One we long for in this season of hope.

**AMEN.**



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