

2025-12-11 Meditation for Thursday in the Second Week of Advent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe . . . .

### ***Hallelujah Nkateko***

Lyrics: Traditional African Gospel

Music: Traditional African Gospel, arr. Mbuso Ndlovu

Artists: University of Pretoria Camerata, Michael Barrett (dir.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u79uhGLlHYA>

[Only voices first time through]

*Hallelujah nkateko*

*Hallelujah blessing*

*Yesu uni matimba*

*Jesus has power*

*Hiyena muhluri*

*He is the conqueror*

*Valala vanga pfuka*

*Our enemies can rise*

*Yeso utava hlula*

*Jesus will conquer them*

*Hiyena muhluri*

*He is the conqueror*

[Repeat the above 6 lines, with drums]

*Hihlula himatimba*

*We conquer with the power*

*Hallelujah nkateko*  
*Hallelujah blessing*  
*Yeso wa hihlulela*  
*Jesus conquers for us*  
*Hihlula himatimba*  
*We conquer with the power*  
*Hiyou hiahina*

[Repeat the above 4 lines]

*Hanwi tshembha muhluri*  
*We trust in our conqueror*  
*Yena anga hluriwi*  
*He cannot be defeated*  
*Hiyena muhluri*  
*He is the conqueror*  
*Namuntlha hi tsakile*  
*Today we are joyous*  
*Swi dyoho swi herile*  
*Our sins have passed away*  
*Hiyena muhluri*  
*He is the conqueror*

*Hihlula himatimba*  
*We conquer with the power*  
*Hallelujah nkateko*  
*Hallelujah grace*  
*Yeso wa hihlulela*  
*Jesus conquers for us*  
*Hihlula himatimba*  
*We conquer with the power*  
*Hiyo yahina*  
*He is our Lord.*

[Repeat the above 5 lines]

