

Intercessions for 13.12.20

Our period of preparation shifts from repentance and forgiveness to the freed exhilaration of hope as the momentous truth of God's Immanence begins to dawn on us.

God is here with us now.
Let us pray.

Father, we want to be ready to receive you.
Take us as we are and cultivate in us a heart that longs for you and worships you above and beyond everything else.

Come, O come
Emmanuel, God with us.

We open to your love,
the spiritual journeys of all who walk your way;
protect them from evil
and keep them steadfast in faith.

Come, O come
Emmanuel, God with us.

We pray for those who give us support
and encourage us and listen to us
and make us laugh and share our sorrows.
Bless their lives and give them joy.

Come, O come
Emmanuel, God with us.

We remember in God's presence
those who are in pain
and suffering in any way in
body, mind or spirit.
We ask for the healing only God
can give.

Come, O come.
Emmanuel, God with us.

We call to mind those we know who have died
and any who are close to death at the moment.
as they meet the one true God open their
hearts to receive his love, mercy and forgiveness.

Come, O come.
Emmanuel, God with us.

We give God thanks for the way none of us
is beyond his saving love and the way he
has promised to keep us ultimately safe.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here we give thanks for all those in our community
who are working hard to keep your work going and
especially all those involved in our 'virtual' Christmas
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Here we remember all those who are caught up in
present Covid crisis. Those who are working tirelessly
for those suffering and those who are beginning the
massive task of vaccination.

Here we pray for a successful outcome to the 'Brexit'
negotiations for all concerned.

Here we keep silence to remember those known
to us.

We also bear in mind the four who have died recently
in the explosion at the Avonmouth Water treatment plant.