

Intercessions for Christmas 2021.

*Emmanuel - 'God with us' - is born at Bethlehem into the human family.
Now we will be able to understand in human terms what God is really like.*

Emmanuel, God with us:

We welcome you!

As we celebrate God's coming to us as a human child
we bring the needs of our world before the God we can trust.

Here we pray for all Christians who are
persecuted for their faith throughout the world

We pray for all those who worship God in every country of our world
We pray for the grace to know and love God more deeply.

Emmanuel, God with us:

We welcome you!

We pray for those who are spending this Christmas apart from those they love.
We pray for those whose celebrations are tempered with sorrow or fear.

Here we keep silence to remember those who
are known especially to us.

Emmanuel, God with us.

We welcome you!

We pray for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who live in the city
of Bethlehem

Here we pray for peace in the many trouble spots
throughout the world.

Emmanuel, God with us.

We welcome you!

We pray for those working over Christmas, for all women giving birth
and for all babies being born today. We pray for their homes and families.

We pray especially for Doctors, Nurses and all
those who are dealing with the present Covid
crisis.

Emmanuel, God with us.

We welcome you!

We pray for those being born into eternal life through the gate of death.
and commend them to God's love and mercy.

Here we remember those who are always in our hearts.

Emmanuel, God with us.

We welcome you!

Thank you, heavenly Father for the extraordinary love you show to us
in entering our world through the natural channel of birth.

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