

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Needs December 2023

County Christmas Event Prep.

Pray for all of the work crews, actors, singers, bakers and Kitchen Staff.
Prepare the hearts of the visitors to understand the Truth of Jesus and His Birth.
Renewal, refreshment and inspiration for our church body in this event.
May all be done for the glory of God.

Wasauksing Christmas Hampers - Ken and Rachel Conley

To be able to supply a hamper for every family in Wasauksing, give generously and sacrificially.
Many volunteers are needed to help fill these hampers.
If you are able to deliver the hampers to Parry Sound contact the Conleys.
Please pray for this ministry as we show God's love to this Community at Christmas.

Pinecrest Housing.

Bless the Pinecrest team working faithfully towards the goal of completion.
Pray for funds to move the project forward.
Thankful to all volunteers as they clean-up the building site.
Pray that the upcoming presentation to service providers goes well this month.
Pray that God would make an easy path for government funding.
Praise and thank God for this vital project.

Those Who Face Christmas Alone.

May we learn how we can make this season better for them by prayer or practically
The first Christmas for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
Those who cannot be with family at this time of year.
The elderly in long-term care facilities and shut-ins, not able to leave home.
Christmas for those who have Struggles with Finances, Health, Relationships... .
May all who have these struggles find the true message of Christmas, Christ came to bring us Joy, Hope, Love and Peace.
Those who are struggling with physical or mental illness.
Those who wrestle with daily financial pressure and find Christmas overwhelming.

... Personal Study & Small Group Questions Continued

6. In 400 years of silence, many people tried to take matters into their own hands. Are there ways in which you find hope for the future in things other than God's promises?

7. Advent is about reflecting on what God has done (first coming of Christ), and looking forward to what he will do (second coming of Christ). Christmas is a busy season. How can/do you ensure that your Christmas season includes appropriate times of reflection?



Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

Hope

Peace

Joy

Love

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HOPE

(Luke 1:26-33).

Hope is based on God's promises

Luke 1:28. "The is with you." Immanuel means _____ .

Romans 8:24. Hope that is seen is _____ at all.

Faithful In the Silence

400 years of silence did not stop Elizabeth and Zechariah from

being _____ and placing their _____ in God.

Immanuel, Jesus, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, Son of the Most High, Faithful and True.

Jesus is His name. However, because of the _____ of his being, he would be referred to as many things.

Hebrews 10:23. "Let HOLD unswervingly to the hope we PROFESS, for HE HO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL."

Misplaced Hope

The lie that Adam and Eve placed their hope in:

"You will be _____..." (Gen 3:5)

...Think about it: Consider how you may have misplaced your hope...

Advent

Looking forward to Christ's second _____ .
Being joyous and thankful for Jesus coming as God in the flesh.

Personal Study & Small Group Questions

Read Luke 1:11-33.

1. God's promise to Abraham (that through his offspring the whole world would be blessed) was made 2,000 years before Christ. What is the longest you've had to wait for something you were excited about?

2. The period of time between the Old and New Testaments was marked by 400 years of silence from God as a punishment for the sins of the nation. Dan said that today's Christians can't go very long without feeling like they've had an experience with God. Why do you think that is? And, do you feel this way?

3. One of the most comforting sentences in the Bible is spoken to Mary in Luke 1:28. Read this verse together. Can you think of anyone else who was given a similar message in the Bible?

4. Immanuel means "God with us." The idea of the incarnation can be difficult to grasp. Jesus was 100% human while also being 100%. Aside from the obvious mathematical issue of Jesus being 200%, what ways do you struggle to understand this teaching?

Read Hebrews 2:14-18. Discuss.

5. Dan said that Jesus's infinite nature (his Godly nature) meant that he had many titles reflecting the many facets of his character. What name of God/Jesus has meant the most to you, now or in the past?

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