

Advent/Christmas Prayer Sheet

Gathering: Sit quietly and allow yourself to come to stillness. Breathe in life; breathe out peace. Be conscious of the presence of God within you, around you.

In Kiwi Christmas Joy Cowley places the Christmas story into our modern context:

Christmas can be our story. You only have to look at the bright blue sky and the waves splashing light to know that Christmas belongs here with long days of summer and pohutukawa in bloom.



The fantail flits across the room.

“You’ll give birth to a boy child
and you will call him Jesus.”

In the evenings he rubs her back
and puts her hand over her belly
to feel the son of God kicking.
Already they are filled with love
for this miraculous baby.



Then simply,
like a pea from a pod
Jesus comes into the world.

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Where is Christ being born anew in your life?

How will Christmas be your story in 2020?

Responding:

We pray for expectant parents whose family life is a journey into the unknown.

Holy Child of God, be present with us anew

We pray that we see and respond joyfully to Christ present with us.

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We pray that we are willing to share the miracle of Christmas with those who are troubled or struggling with everyday life.

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Invitation to include other prayers

O Come Emmanuel!

God with us

vulnerable

humble

miraculous

We await

joyfully

in anticipation

Christ is born!