

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST - DECEMBER 2021

A County Christmas December 10-11

- . All that attend will be touched by the Holy Spirit as they realize Christmas is all about Jesus' coming to earth.
- . The actors will honour our Lord as they portray this amazing event for our community.
- . Those behind the scenes will find joy and energy in all that they do: setup and tear down, cleaning, baking, preparing the give-aways, sewing...
- . Good health so each one is able to do their part.
- . Physical and Spiritual protection for all participants and for the pastors during this busy season.

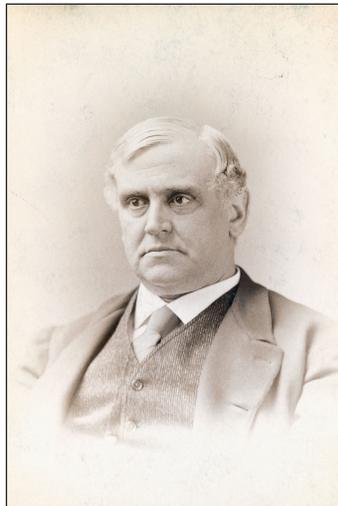
STUDY CONTINUED (From inside page)

8. Read Luke 1:38. Every young girl in Israel prayed to be the mother of the Messiah. When she said these words in verse 38, she could have no idea what it would be like to be Jesus' mother, and what her life would be like. But they had Jesus, and in Jesus we have peace (Read John 14:27). With this in mind, how important is it for us to be able to say the words of verse 38 ourselves?
9. To say, "I am the Lord's servant," has many implications. Describe what a life in service of the Lord will look like on a daily basis?
10. To say, "May it be to me as you have said," puts our life in the palm of God's hand. We don't know what the future holds, but God does. That is why Jesus is called, 'Emmanuel,' which means God with us. How do the two statements work together? ('I am the Lord's servant,' and, 'May it be to me as you have said')

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Rev. Phillips Brooks was the author of this lovely Christmas Carol. Not long before he died, he was asked by a young person, the secret of his strength, peace & serenity. In a heartfelt response, Brooks credited his still-growing relationship with Jesus.

He wrote, "The more I have thought it over, the more sure it has seemed to me that these last years have had a peace and fullness which there did not used to be. It is a deeper knowledge and truer love of Christ... I cannot tell you how personal this grows to me. He is here. He knows me and I know Him. It is the most real thing in the world. And every day makes it more real. And one wonders with delight what it will grow to as the years go on."



*Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

PEACE

**Finding Peace in the midst of hopes and fears
Luke 1:26-38**

PEACE Luke 1:26-38

Christianity isn't a religion, it's a _____

THE HOPES AND FEARS OF ALL THE YEARS (v.26-37)

The situation in Israel:

Betrothal:

v.29 Mary was _____

v.30 Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found _____ with God

Favour =

v.31-33 The child to be born:

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v.38 I am _____

What Mary's first few years of marriage would be like:

But they had _____

ARE MET IN THEE TONIGHT (v.38)

1. I am _____

Fully committed to a _____ knowledge and truer love of Christ

John 14:27

2. May it be to me _____

My life is _____

1. From the statement: Christianity isn't a religion, it's a relationship, what is the difference between the two?
2. What are some of the similarities between the attitudes of people towards 'religion' in the days of Jesus, and now?
3. Read Luke 1:26-29. Imagine being Mary, and all of a sudden an angel appears to you. How do you think you would react? Why do you think the usual response of people to these kind of appearances in the Bible, is fear?
4. Read verse 32-33. Gabriel describes the baby that Mary is going to have. In essence, Gabriel cites a description of the Messiah, from Old Testament Scripture. (Read Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7) Gabriel was basically saying: "Look, Mary. God has chosen you to fulfill these prophecies." What is the significance of each of these descriptions of who Jesus is?
5. Read Luke 1:34. Mary wasn't even married yet, and she was still a virgin. Here is a list of reasons the virgin birth is important:
 1. Jesus had a heavenly origin, He is the Son of God (John 1:1, Col 1:16)
 2. Jesus was sinless (1 Peter 2:22, Heb 4:15)
 3. Jesus is fully God and fully man (Phil 2:6-8, Gal 4:4)
 4. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice (2 Cor 5:21)
 5. The Bible says so - If Scripture errs here, then why should we trust its claims about other supernatural events, such as the resurrection? Examine each of these aspects of the virgin birth.
6. Read verses 35-37. In verse 35 Gabriel answers her question from the previous verse, and as if in anticipation of her not understanding him, he tells her about Elizabeth. How much of a comfort do you think this was to Mary?

She eventually goes to see Elizabeth (Luke 1:29-56). What do you think their conversations were like?
7. What do you think Mary said to Joseph and her parents? (You can read about Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25).