

Narnia Prayer with “Wait for the Lord”

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Promised One, in this season of waiting, we long for the coming of your kingdom more than words can express. We speak honestly with you about the signs in our world and in our lives that your kingdom has not yet come in fullness. We see much of the “already,” and for those we give you thanks and praise. But we also see glimpses of the “not yet” kingdom for which we long, hope and dream. Be Emmanuel, God with us, while we wait.

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For many in our world, it is “always winter and never Christmas.” We pray for those who live in the winter of physical or emotional health. When bodies fail and when minds betray, we pray that you, Lord, be “light and life to all . . . , risen with healing in [your]wings.” We pray for those who live in the always-winter of grief and loss. When everyone seems to be celebrating during the Christmas season, many of us feel an even more profound sense of sadness as we remember and miss those we have lost. We pray especially for [mention specific people and their situations]. Give all who grieve this season reminders of why you came down to earth as a tiny baby—reminders that your incarnation was to give us life, that you were “born that we no more may die.” Be our incarnate Lord, God with us, while we wait.

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We pray for those around our world who live in the winter of war. The nations rage and people turn against people. The international conflicts and tensions escalate. Innocent lives are lost and destroyed. Violence here in the United States and abroad threaten daily. When, Lord, will this winter end, and when will your promise of peace come to fruition? Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come into this winter and bring us your peace on earth. Be our eternal peace, God with us, while we wait.

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We pray for those whose winter is poverty. Poverty comes in many different forms: lack of enough food, lack of nutritious and sustaining food, lack of clean water to drink, lack of adequate housing, lack of dignity, gross inequality, lack of resources to thrive or survive. We long for the day when you come to make the crooked straight and the rough places plain. For the people living in all forms of poverty, we pray that you bring justice and equality. Be our Savior, God with us, while we wait.

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“O come, O Wisdom from on high, [who order] all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its way to go.” Lord, give us wisdom in the wintertime. Give us wisdom as we ourselves navigate the icy terrain of this world. Give us wisdom as we patiently wait. Show us that you are on the move, that your promises have already been fulfilled through the incarnation and birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, and that your promises for the springtime yet to come are true and the one true hope for our future. Help us to rejoice in you, Emmanuel, Savior and King. Amen.

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