

Praying through this week 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020



But you, Bethlehem, Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come one who will rule over Israel... (Micah 5:2).

Father God,  
as we prepare, again, to celebrate the birth of your son  
We thank you and praise you for Jesus,  
your great gift of love to us.  
In awe and wonder we re-live that hallowed time in Bethlehem,  
with Mary, Joseph, the angels, the lowly shepherds,  
wise men, the animals,  
and a new born baby - our Saviour –

Perhaps pause a moment and “be” in that “manger”...

Give us the desire and grace to remember to keep Jesus  
at the centre of our lives,  
Help us to know the joy and peace of his presence in our hearts –  
And grant us compassion as we lift to you those  
who will have no joy this Christmas.



Help us to remember that the baby in a manger,  
is the man on the cross,  
Is the risen Lord of the empty tomb,  
Is Jesus, our Emmanuel, alive and with us today.  
“For unto us a boy is born...a son is given...” -

This special week, would it be good  
to spend a few quiet moments “being” with our Saviour  
and jotting down **all** he means to you  
as together we celebrate his birth....

Love and peace this Christmas time to everyone;  
we may be separated but we are one in our love of Jesus. Pat

