



# Newland Church

## Advent Prayer Calendar 2023

<p>1</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Focus our minds we pray, as we walk with you.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Fill us anew with expectation and hope, as we look forward to your birth.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas. Strengthen us to follow you more nearly each day this Advent.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas. Teach us how to live in peace.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas. Encourage us in our prayer lives.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas. Make us brave when we make new beginnings.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas. Bring comfort to those who need healing of body, mind or soul.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Challenge us as we prepare our homes, ourselves and our hearts this Christmas. Bring wisdom to those whose decisions affect others.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people. Hear our questions, deepen our understanding.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people. Give us a child-like trust in your all embracing love.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people. Refresh our faith and our Church, your Church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people. Make us bold in our discipleship, as we seek to follow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people. May those who are alone find welcome.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Dust us off as we make room for new ways of being your people. Bring reason to those troubled areas of our world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love. Use us to show your love at work in the world.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love. Encourage us as we share our stories and our knowledge of your love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love. Equip us to follow your guiding light faithfully.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love. Help us to appreciate the difference between busyness and reflection.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love. Open ears to hear the cries of those who are oppressed or suffering from injustice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>Shine for us today, as we are filled with wonder at the light of your love. May all your people on earth know hope, acceptance, love and a place to call home.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p> <p>Creating God, you are with us, even as we wait for you.</p> <p>May we listen and hear your voice. May we see afresh the wonder and the magnitude of your love in Jesus.</p>

## Christmas Day

Creating God, you are with us as we celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus, whose message and whose life can change the world.

Emmanuel, God is with us, God is in us.

