

Prayers 28 November

Response to the message

Dear gracious God, we give you thanks that you loved us so much that you turned up in skin – in the person of Jesus. Thank you for the marvellous reality that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Thank for you for your gracious, generous heart in coming to us, living among us, revealing yourself to us, dying for us and rising again in power. As you are well able to understand our temptation and sympathise with our weakness, may we learn to approach your throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. This Christmas may the reality that Jesus is YOU here among us in skin, remind us again of the depth of your love. In Jesus' name.

Covid

Dear Lord, we are so over COVID. We are over working out what we can do and can't do. We're over checking in and checking out. We're over masks. We are over the daily announcements. We're over the changing health orders. We're over border closures and we're over the politics. And yet Lord, we are grateful in the midst of our impatience. Grateful we've done so well compared to many other nations. Many of us are grateful for the vaccines and recent freedoms. We're grateful we can sing again in church. And we're grateful many of us will be able to see family again at Christmas. So please Lord give us patience for ongoing restrictions; compassion for those worse off; and ongoing thankfulness for the way we are coming out of this. In Jesus' name. Amen.

MAYBE TWO OTHER PRAYERS + THE LORD'S PRAYER