

For Reflection
The Name Immanuel



“Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel,”
which is translated, “God with us” (Matthew 1:23).

Think about the name “Immanuel” which literally means “God with us.” Here is a passage from the Heavenly Doctrine of the New Church to reflect on as well.

To go the Lord and approach Him as God of heaven
and earth brings His presence, and to live according to
His precepts brings about conjunction (*Conjugal Love* 341).

- Why was this name to be given to the Virgin Mary’s Baby?
- What does this name of the Lord mean in our lives today? How is He with us?
- What does His presence mean in your life?
- What are some actions you could take to become more aware of His presence?