

Prayers in a time of the Coronavirus outbreak

Please use this booklet in your prayers for your own protection and that of others, for those suffering and bereaved through Covid-19, for health service staff, governments and all in decision-making positions at this time. Including a Prayer Triplet pledge for you to pray with two others on a daily basis.

A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

For those in isolation

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those who are worried

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need
and heal the sick in body and mind.
Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.
Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions
that separate us from you and from one another.
Give us grace to live our lives confident in your promise
that you are with us always. Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the night.
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.
You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am
anxious.
Today I am feeling *(name how you are
feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.
Help me to remember that you love me and are with me
in everything today. Amen.

A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.

They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play. I'm sad because I miss them.

They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.

Please be close to them. Please be with the people who are looking after them. Please help them to get better and to know that you love them. Amen.

For our community

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to care for the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake. Amen.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,

we entrust to your unfailing and tender care,
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.

Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
You made the world and care for all creation.
But the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Many people are anxious because of it.
Many people are anxious that they might get ill.
Many people are anxious about their family and friends.
Be with them in their worries and help them to find some peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists who are working to discover the right medicines to give hope to those who are ill. Thank you that even in these strange and worrying times, you are with us. Help us to look for the signs of your goodness and love towards us. Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God, help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for when you can't get to church

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

Prayer for those affected by Coronavirus

God of healing and hope,

in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear.

Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern,

by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us.

Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.

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A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,

Creator of the World, we pray

That you, with steadfast love, would keep

Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for *(names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus)* and the people of *(country or place which is affected by Coronavirus)*.

Give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.

Amen.

From St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation

Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

Psalm 46 *Be still, and know that I am God.*

Psalm 91 *He shall cover you with his wings*

Psalm 139 *O Lord, you have searched me out and known me*

Isaiah 43 (esp v.1-7) *Do not fear, for I am with you*

John 14 *Do not let your hearts be troubled*

After a time of prayer:

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your gracious help,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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and Evening Prayer services for each day,
and other prayers are freely available here:
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PRAYER TRIPLET: PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

“Truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” **Matthew 18.19-20**

DIRECTIONS

- Choose and record two friends, neighbours or relatives to make your Triplet.
- Each of you record their names and telephone numbers.
- Each day, each person on the Triplet will make one phone call.
- Agree on a time to make your phone call.
- Commit to pray for each other.

Yes, I commit myself to join with two other people to form a Prayer Triplet Group.

1. Name:

Tel No:

2. Name:

Tel No: