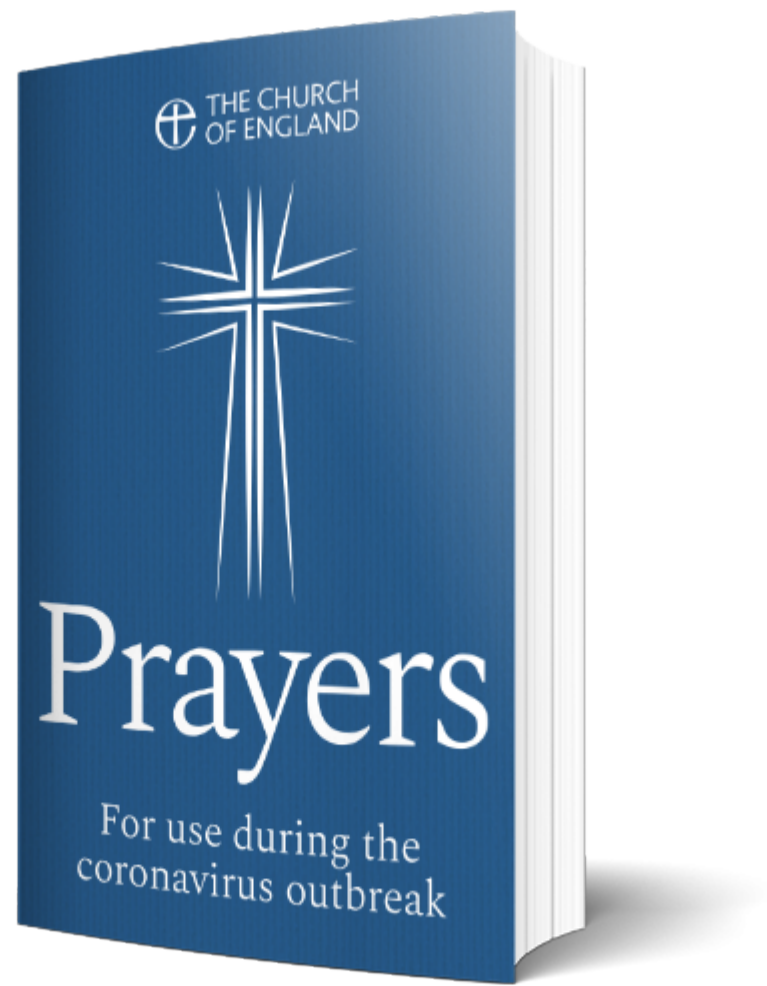


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This page contains prayers and intercessions for personal or group use, special prayers for use when it isn't possible to meet in church, and a simple form of prayer for the morning and evening, which can be downloaded, printed, and shared with those remaining at home or who are unable to access the Internet.

These resources are offered to help those who are struggling to find words at this difficult and stressful time, and to enable Christians to worship in solidarity with one another even when it is not possible to gather in a church building.

The main coronavirus guidance for churches [can be accessed here](#). Building on existing resources, this also includes an overview of the considerable expansion in digital content planned in the days and weeks ahead.



## Download these prayers as a PDF

[Digital \(double page\)](#) | [Digital \(single page\)](#) | [Digital \(low-ink\)](#) | [Print \(crop marks\)](#)

Printed copies of the booklet are [available to order from Church House Publishing](#) for those unable to print locally

## Prayers about the 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.**

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 tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.

**Amen.**

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 ill

Merciful God,

we entrust to your tender care

those who are ill or in pain,

knowing that whenever danger threatens

your everlasting arms are there to hold them 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.**

## 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.**

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours’ safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

Intercessions

SET A

Let us pray to God,

who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,

through illness or isolation or anxiety,

that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,

and shaping national policies,

that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,

that through their skill and insights

many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,

for the gravely ill and the dying,

that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## SET B

Let us pray to the Lord,

who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,

that all who are fearful and anxious

may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## Prayers with children

## 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.**

## 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.

Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,

and all who are working to discover the right medicines

to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,

you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

**Amen.**

## 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)*.

Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.

**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 worried.

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.**

**Personal prayers**

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.

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.

*from St Patrick's Breastplate*

I am giving you worship with all my life,

I am giving you obedience with all my power,

I am giving you praise with all my strength,

I am giving you honour with all my speech.

I am giving you love with all my heart,

I am giving you affection with all my sense,

I am giving you my being with all my mind,

I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

Praise to the Father,

Praise to the Son,

Praise to the Spirit,

The Three in One.

*adapted from Alexander Carmichael,*

*Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.

*The Jesus Prayer*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship*

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.

*Common Worship*

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,

through the power of the spirit

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*St Benedict*

## Before going to sleep

God our Father, by whose mercy

the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:

we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,

our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,

knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

To your love and protection

we commit each other and all those we love,

knowing that you alone are our sure defender,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Church of South India*

## Worship at home

We have crafted two simple acts of worship, particularly geared to those who are isolated or housebound, or who are unable to attend church.

Download our *Prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak* PDF to use these.

Diddy Disciples offers resources for [The Church at Home](#), with Holy Week storytelling and forms of prayer for families.

## Lent and Easter

- [The Imposition of Ashes at home](#)

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