

Prayers for use during Corona epidemic.

For those who are ill...

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, 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.

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 the whole community...

Lord, help us not to be people of fear, but people of courage.

Help us not to be people who only protect our own safety, but to be people who protect our neighbours' safety.

Help us not to be people of greed, but people of generosity.

We are your people Lord God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes, wherever you call us. Amen.

Lord God our Shield and our Defender, _
guide and protect my neighbours in this time of health emergency;
deliver them from all harm
and may your love and care ever grow in this place.
this in the name of 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.
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.
“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble
Therefore, we will not fear. The Lord Almighty is with us.”

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning and is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen