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# HOME WORSHIP

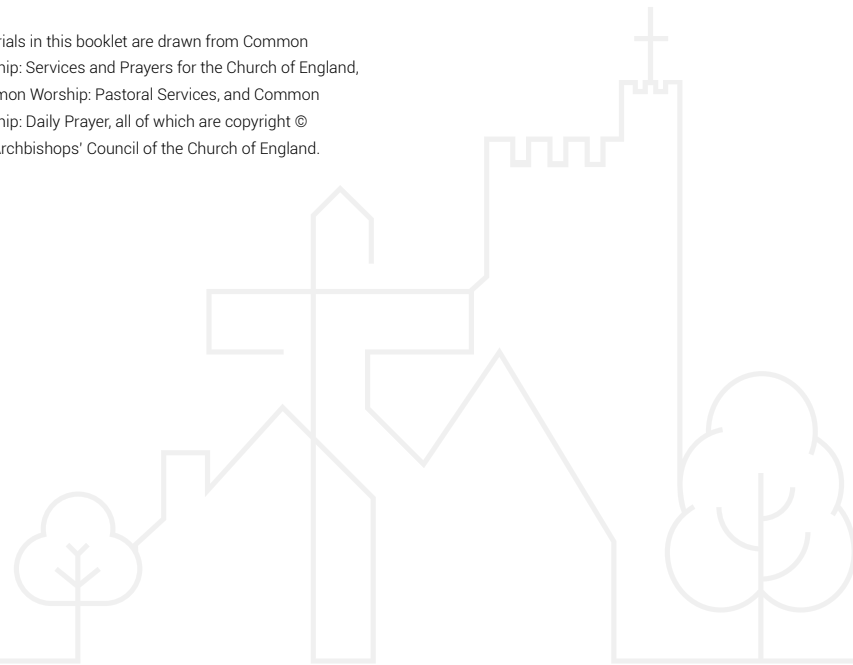
FOR USE WHEN UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CHURCH BUILDING



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# Pastoral Letter



## > Dear friends,

**I want to update you on what's happening at St Margaret's in light of coronavirus (COVID-19). Like you, I've been following this evolving story with great concern. We've also liaised with the Diocese of Rochester and the Archbishop's on how to move forward at this time.**

Church isn't something you can cancel. It's what happens whenever ordinary people show the world the good news of Jesus. I'm already extremely proud of how you as the church are supporting friends and neighbours during this time.

We want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. To that end, we are not meeting for public worship, instead we will be providing online streaming of services and other events outlined in this document. If you are unable to come online with us then please do use this resource to pray wherever you are.

The uncertainty of this outbreak is creating anxiety in our workplaces, schools, and day-to-day activities. Yet we remain certain of God's steadfast presence and careful attention to all that is happening. Please join us in praying for those who are affected by this illness, as well as their caregivers and those who are working around the clock to minimize the impact of this virus.

In Psalm 46, we are reminded that it is God who is our refuge and strength, and our ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, let us not fear, but with confidence use this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus through our prayers and our care for others.

Yours In Christ,

*Nathan Ward*

Revd Nathan Ward  
Vicar

# Online Timetable

Below is the schedule of when we will be live streaming as a church. If you can't join us at the exact time, don't worry all live streams will be available as online videos.



Day	Time	Title
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>12pm</b>	Word for the day
	<b>8pm</b>	Night Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>12pm</b>	Word for the day
	<b>7pm</b>	Home Group
	<b>8pm</b>	Night Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>12pm</b>	Word for the day
	<b>8pm</b>	Night Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>12pm</b>	Word for the day
	<b>7pm</b>	Bible Study
	<b>8pm</b>	Night Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>12pm</b>	Word for the day
	<b>8pm</b>	Night Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>12pm</b>	Word for the day
	<b>8pm</b>	Night Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>4pm</b>	Families at Four
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Evening Service

Please visit [www.rainhamchurch.co.uk](http://www.rainhamchurch.co.uk) for all live streams.

# Introduction



> The following pages contain prayers and intercessions for personal use to accompany the live streams provided by St Margaret's Church along with special prayers 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 if it is not possible to gather in church.

We will also share on our website, social media channels and e-mail further resources you can use during this time.

“ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



# Morning Prayer

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.



**The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.**



*Nahum 1.7*

## > OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us; let us pray with one heart  
and mind.

*Pause for reflection as you offer the  
day to God.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**



## BIBLE READING

You may wish to say Psalm 23  
or another psalm here, such  
as Psalm 16 or Psalm 139.

### PSALM 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.
4. 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.
5. You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil and  
my cup shall be full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning  
is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**



## SUNDAY MORNING

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will  
be with you; and through the rivers, they  
shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall  
not be burned, and the flame shall not  
consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

*Isaiah 43.1-3a*



## MONDAY MORNING

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe  
in God, believe also in me. In my Father's  
house there are many dwelling-places. If it  
were not so, would I have told you that I go  
to prepare a place for you? And if I go and  
prepare a place for you, I will come again  
and will take you to myself, so that where  
I am, there you may be also. And you know  
the way to the place where I am going.'  
Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know  
where you are going. How can we know the  
way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and  
the truth, and the life. No one comes to the  
Father except through me.'

*John 14.1-6*

## > TUESDAY MORNING

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4.8-9*

## > WEDNESDAY MORNING

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Colossians 3.16,17*

## > THURSDAY MORNING

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*Ephesians 2.19-22*

## > FRIDAY MORNING

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

*Romans 19.9-12*

## > SATURDAY MORNING

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more

value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

*Luke 12.22-31*

## > PRAYERS

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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.**

## > THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

(or)

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.

## > THE CONCLUSION

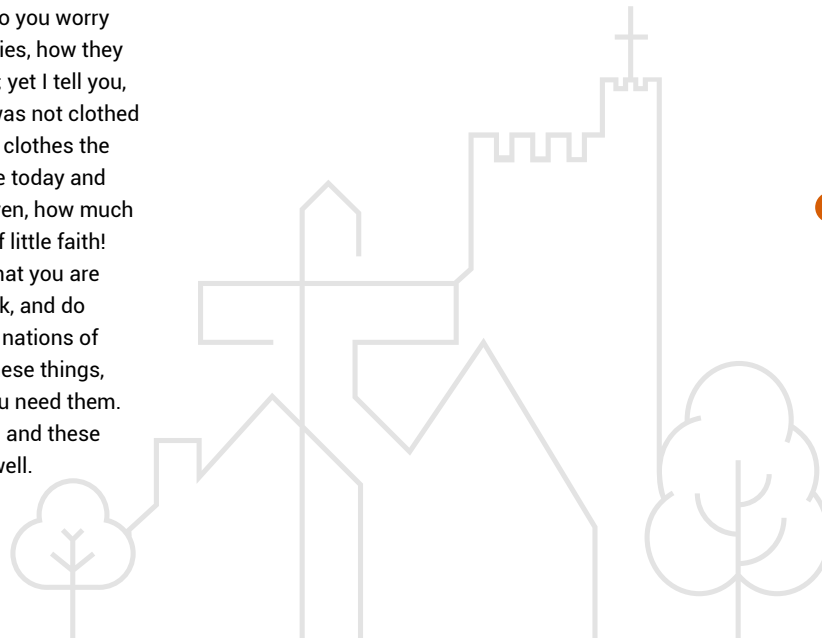
The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# Night Prayer

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.



**The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.**

*Deuteronomy 33.27*



## > OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who made heaven and earth.**

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.



## > BIBLE READING

*You may wish to say here the psalm given below, or Psalm 27, or another chosen psalm.*

### PSALM 91

1. Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
2. Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'
3. For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
5. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;
6. Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
7. Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.



8. Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.
9. Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,
10. There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.
11. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
12. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
14. Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.
15. They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
16. With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son **and to the Holy Spirit;** **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*You may wish to use one of the following short readings or choose a passage of your own.*

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> **SUNDAY EVENING**

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

*Jeremiah 14.9*

> **MONDAY EVENING**

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

*Isaiah 30.15*

> **TUESDAY EVENING**

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Matthew 11.28-end*

> **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

*1 Peter 5.6,7*

> **THURSDAY EVENING**

Jesus said, 'I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

*John 16.33*

> **FRIDAY EVENING**

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

*1 Thessalonians 5.9,10*

> **SATURDAY EVENING**

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'







## > PRAYERS

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care  
this night 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.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us  
through the silent hours of this night, so  
that we who are wearied by the changes and  
chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon  
your eternal changelessness; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far  
from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy  
angels dwell with us in peace, and may your  
blessing be always upon us; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## > THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
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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.**

## > THE CONCLUSION

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us  
and be gracious to us; The Lord look kindly  
upon us and give us peace. **Amen.**





# Communion Service

Words of welcome or introduction may be said including the notices for the day.

## > THE GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

*From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## > PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence  
and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

## > *The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Gloria in excelsis may be used*

**All** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## > THE COLLECT

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

## > READINGS

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*A hymn follows the readings.*

## > GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to N.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

**At the end**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.



## > SERMON

### THE CREED

**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## > PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

*These words may be added*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Prayer D*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son

to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**All** This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

**All** This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

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**All** This is our song:  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread  
and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us  
and all the world.  
This is our story.

**All** This is our song:  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All** Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## > THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## > BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread  
is broken

**All** Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

## > GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All** Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost:

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed  
for us.

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The president and people receive  
communion. Authorized words of  
distribution are used and the communicant  
replies*

**Amen.**

## > PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Post Communion or another suitable  
prayer is said.*

*All may say one of these prayers*

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls  
and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
**Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*The president may use a seasonal  
blessing, or another suitable blessing or*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

*or, from Easter Day to Pentecost*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The ministers and people depart.*







## 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.**

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.**

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.**

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## 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 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.

## 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.



# Personal Prayers

PARTICULARLY IF 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.  
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*

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

## 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*

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)*

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*

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