

Day of Prayer



Saturday 30 January

Thank you for joining us for our Day of Prayer for our world during this pandemic. We hope that you find the prayers here useful

We have chosen different topics for each hour and, whilst we have tried to cover a wide range of issues, the prayers here are not exhaustive so please add your own. Also, as we move through the day, please pray for people and situations known to you.

You may like to say the Lord's Prayer at the end of your prayers for each hour:

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.

9am – Introductory Prayers

Followed by Morning Prayer for those who wish to join in

Loving God,
strengthen our innermost being
with your love that bears all things
even the weight of this global pandemic
even the long haul of watching for symptoms
of patiently waiting for this to pass
watching and waiting,
keeping our gaze fixed on you,
and looking out for our neighbours
near and far.

Instil in our shaken souls
the belief and hope that all things
are possible with your creative love
for strangers to become friends
for science to source solutions
for resources to be generously shared
so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need
for your perfect love that knows no borders
may cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.

May your love that never ends be our comfort, strength and guide
for the wellbeing of all and the glory of God.
Amen.

(Source: www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/churches/coronavirus-prayers)

Living God, you are our Creator and our Maker
And the very breath of life is given as your gift.
We thank you for the gift of life
And we embrace and treasure that gift.

Living God, you are the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Whose presence in the world reveals your love for us.
In the giving of your Son,
You reveal the depths of your love.

Living God, your Son embraced the Cross
And the depths of human suffering.
We thank you that you delivered him
On the day of Resurrection.

Living God, as you spoke to the bereft and the orphaned in days past,
Speak to the bereft and the orphaned in days present.
Speak to the uncertain and the anxious.
Speak into the depths of our incomprehension and fear.

Living God, your promise
Is that we will not be left alone to face the world.
We thank you that through the gift of your Spirit
That promise is fulfilled.

Living God, be with all who sustain our common life at this time,
Carers and nurses, cleaners and porters,
Doctors and ambulance staff, delivery drivers and posties.
Through their giving our common life is sustained.

Living God, as you have watched over us in the past,
Watch over us in the present.
As once more we thank you, that through Christ
And by your Holy Spirit, we are not alone. Amen.

(Source: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/prayer-lord-god-hear-our-voices>)

Morning Prayer

(Source: https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202%20April_0.pdf)

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open our lips

All: 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.

All: Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

All: therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

All: and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul

**All: and guide me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

**All: for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;

**All: you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.**

Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,

All: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**All: 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.**

Reading: Isaiah 43.1-3a

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.

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.

All: 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

The Conclusion

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

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

10am – Personal situation

We pray for our personal situation.

How are we feeling about the lockdown?

Are we finding the rules difficult to keep?

How might we help others or do we need to ask for help?

What are we thankful for?

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.

(Source: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>)

Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness,
be joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen
we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities
and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake.
Amen

(Source: <https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/prayers-for-coronavirus/>)

Loving God,
If we are ill, strengthen us.
If we are tired, fortify our spirits.
If we are anxious, help us to consider the lillies of the field and the birds of the air.
Help us not to stockpile treasures from supermarkets in the barns of our larders.
Don't let fear cause us to overlook the needs of others more vulnerable than ourselves.
Fix our eyes on your story and our hearts on your grace.
Help us always to hold fast to the good,
See the good in others,
And remember there is just one world, one hope,
One everlasting love, with baskets of bread for everyone.
In Jesus we make our prayer,
The one who suffered, died and was raised to new life,
In whom we trust these days and all days,
Amen.

The Revd Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

(Source: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/prayers-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/text-prayers/>)

11am – Those who are ill

We remember all who are unwell from Covid or from other diseases. We pray for those awaiting tests, treatment or operations that have been postponed and who are worried at the effect this will have. We remember those recovering from Covid, especially those with long Covid.

We remember those with mental health issues which may have been exacerbated by the lockdown or caused by it.

Father, we come before You to pray for those infected with this virus.
We pray not only for their healing but also for them to be comforted while they heal.
We pray for all those who are facing illness today.
We ask that you would bring them healing, comfort and peace.
Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

(Source: <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Prayers-and-pastoral-ministry.pdf>)

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

(Source: <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Prayers-and-pastoral-ministry.pdf>)

Jesus, you drew close to people of all ages and stations of life who longed to be set free from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments.
Be present now to those who need your loving touch because of COVID-19.
May they feel your power of restoration through the care of doctors and nurses.
Take away fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine.
Give a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease
Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.
Amen.

(Source: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/commons/the-speaker/supporting-the-speaker/speakers-chaplain/extra-page/>)

Lord, we pray for those who need ongoing medical treatment who are forced to wait at this time.
God, please watch over their health and help them to stay positive and patient.
We pray that we overcome this global crisis and that after this pandemic, we build a more just and humane world.
Amen.

Marlene Cruz who leads a community health team at the Guarjila Health Clinic in El Salvador

(Source: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers>)

Lord, we pray for those who wrestle with mental health issues.
Grant them support, care, understanding and love.
We pray for families trying to give support.
Lord, supply energy, rest, patience and others to help.
We pray for the wider support network, medical professionals, support staff and volunteers.
Protect them from being overwhelmed.
Encourage them and give wisdom.
In Jesus' name
Amen

(Source: <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/coronavirus-prayer>)

12 noon – The bereaved and funeral directors; the lonely; the disabled; domestic abuse sufferers

We lift before God those who have been bereaved during this time and who are unable to say good-bye in the manner they would wish. We remember those who weren't able to be with their loved one at the time of death. We ask for God to comfort them. As we pray for the bereaved, we also pray for funeral directors as they deal with an increased workload, as well as changes in the way they work and support families.

Lockdown has increased the number of people who are lonely. Many are unable to see their families and friends. Lockdown has also made life more difficult for those living with disabilities and under-lying health conditions and has increased the number of cases of domestic abuse. Those suffering in these ways are often unseen by the world around them. We pray that we may seek out those suffering in these ways and ask that they are not forgotten by us or by government.

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

(Source: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>)

Lord, you stood outside the tomb and wept.
Lord, you stood in the midst of the city and wept tears for the mourning, the broken, the hopeless, the lost.
Were they silent tears, falling from your eyes and your broken heart?
Lord of compassion, we ask that you would you weep with those who weep, comfort the mourning, put together the broken, bring peace to the hopeless, and find the lost.

Lord of comfort, strength, love and victory, reveal your grace.
In Jesus' name
Amen

(Source: <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/coronavirus-prayer>)

God of heaven and earth,
in these times of isolation,
apart from loved ones
distant from friends
away from neighbours
thank you that there is nothing
in all of creation,
not even coronavirus,
that is able to separate us from your love.

And may your love that never fails
continue to be shared
through the kindness of strangers
looking out for each other,
for neighbours near and far
all recognising our shared vulnerability,
each of us grateful for every breath,
and willing everyone to know the gift
of a full and healthy life.
Keep us all in your care.
Amen.

(Source: www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/churches/coronavirus-prayers)

1pm – Those in residential care settings or in prison

Covid spreads rapidly in residential care settings, whether those for the elderly, for people with disabilities, mental health problems or learning difficulties, as well as through prisons. As a result, there are extra restrictions on, for example, visiting, time out of prison cells and increases in mental health issues. We pray for all living and working in residential care settings and prisons.

Heavenly Father, we bring to you our residential homes.

We commit into your loving hands the residents, many of whom will be feeling sad, lonely and confused at this time. They may have a sense of abandonment as their loved ones are unable to visit. We pray that those who are sick or dying may have all the support and attention they need.

We pray for the staff who are likely to be more overstretched than usual, especially if colleagues are absent because they are self isolating. Please give them an extra capacity for compassion at this time and the stamina to do all that is asked of them.

We commend to you the relatives and friends who would normally be visiting their loved ones. Please comfort them in their sense of loss and take away any sense of guilt they may be feeling.

We remember that the risen Jesus passed through locked doors to be with His frightened friends and bring them peace, so we ask now for an awareness of God's love and peace for all associated with our care homes.

In Jesus name, we pray.

Amen.

(Source: <https://highfield.church/blog/35103>)

Lord, please grant wisdom to those responsible for our already overcrowded prisons, where many staff are currently off work. We pray that prisoners on remand and others who are released early will be helped to find somewhere safe to stay and not be tempted to reoffend. Amen.

(Source: <https://care.org.uk/news/2020/03/praying-during-coronavirus-pandemic>)

We pray for those in prison who are struggling with the mental health impact of this coronavirus lockdown. May God's peace that passes understanding fill each one, and may they have resilience to endure.

Amen

(Source: <https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PF-Prayer-Diary-July-2020.pdf>)

2pm – Healthcare workers

We pray for all working in health care including hospitals, surgeries and the ambulance service, those working in the front line and those working behind the scenes supporting them. The way they work has changed dramatically in the last year. We give thanks for their dedication and pray for physical and mental protection for them.

God of all wholeness and healing,
we thank you with all our hearts for those who are working
with selfless skill and dedication to sustain our National Health Service.
Grant that they may receive the resources they require
to meet the demands that each day brings.
Keep them safe and healthy while at work,
and bless their families and loved ones at home. Amen.

Canon Clare MacLaren, Newcastle Cathedral

(Source: <https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/prayers-for-coronavirus/>)

Restoring and healing God,
thank you for medical workers everywhere,
embodying sacrificial love in these challenging times
putting the welfare of others before their own
staying away from their family and loved ones

comforting the concerned and bereaved
reassuring the anxious and vulnerable
working to heal and restore people who are ill.
Be their guide, strength, wisdom and hope.

We pray for those in authority to do right by them
for proper protective equipment to be provided
and for their dedication to be met with much gratitude
and appreciation when they return home, exhausted.

And we pray for medical workers around the world,
where resources and protective equipment
are always in short supply, not only now but always.
May these extraordinary times
lead to deep and necessary changes in how our world works,
resulting in a genuine effort to address the profound injustice
of life expectancy being determined by geography,
to awaken us all to the reality of how connected we all are
and to work together to create the community and world
we all want to be part of.
So help us, God,
Amen.

(Source: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/churches/coronavirus-prayers>)

3pm – Education

We pray for our schools, universities and colleges: teachers and staff delivering online teaching which is often more intense and tiring than classroom teaching; students trying to learn remotely, missing their friends; parents and carers (including teachers) juggling work commitments with home schooling. We pray for children who normally have extra support in the classroom that they can no longer access and for those without the necessary IT to access lessons.

Father God, as schools close across the country are closed,
we pray for parents and carers and their children.
We pray your peace would reign in homes, particularly where families are self-isolating.
Please give parents great patience, and help them find creative ways of keeping everyone occupied.
We pray, in your merciful and mighty name, that You would strengthen families and see them through this difficult time.
Amen.

(Source: <https://care.org.uk/news/2020/03/praying-during-coronavirus-pandemic>)

Dear Father God, please bless all parents who are now home-schooling their children. Fill them with patience, kindness and wisdom so that they can nurture their children in this stressful time. Help the boys and girls to settle to their studies and adapt to this new way of

learning. Thank you for the hard work of teachers who have provided the materials for lessons at home and be with them as they work remotely or go into school to care for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. We also offer to your mercy the students in Years 11 and 13 who suddenly have no exams after their hard work over many years. Have mercy on us all, dear Lord. . Amen.

(Source: <https://www.facebook.com/282718552552061/posts/a-prayer-for-key-workersbless-o-god-all-our-key-workers-who-are-labouring-long-a/624763471680899/>)

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all those involved in the shaping of young lives.

We give thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education.

We pray that all might be nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available – that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times and that no-one would be overlooked.

(Source: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/PftN%20Booklet%20spreads.pdf>)

4pm – Other keyworkers

Followed by Evening Prayer for those who wish

Spend some time thinking of those people you rely on: shop workers, refuse collectors, those working to supply our water, gas and electricity. The list is long! We give thanks for them, asking for God to protect and encourage them in these difficult times.

Bless, O God, all our key workers who are labouring long and hard for the rest of us. Keep them safe, bless their endeavours and give them strength. Let them feel cherished by you and respected by the ones in their care. May we all uphold them in your name and remember their families left at home: please guard and protect them too. Have mercy on us all, dear Father. Amen.

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Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus.

Amen

(Source: <https://www.worldvision.org/disaster-relief-news-stories/prayers-people-affected-new-coronavirus>)

Evening Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/evening-prayer-contemporary-saturday-30-january-2021>

5pm – Those who have lost their jobs or have financial issues

Many have lost their jobs or are suffering financial hardship because of this pandemic. Some industries, eg hospitality, the arts, hair-dressing, have been hit harder than others. As we pray for those who are suffering financially as a result of Covid-19, we ask for guidance for ways to help and support them.

Jesus, we thank you for your faithfulness when we have needed it most. We pray for those who are fearful because they don't know they will provide for themselves and their families and how bills and obligations will be met or to not be able to provide for families. As people feel financial strain during the uncertainty, bring them comfort and peace and enable them to get the help they need. Amen

(Source: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/commons/the-speaker/supporting-the-speaker/speakers-chaplain/extra-page/>)

Lord our Provider, please give wisdom to Chancellor Rishi Sunak as he considers how best to support people who are unable to work. We pray for sufficient, fair and timely provision to be delivered to help meet urgent everyday expenses and longer-term costs. Amen.

(Source: <https://care.org.uk/news/2020/03/praying-during-coronavirus-pandemic>)

6pm – Politicians and world leaders

We pray for wisdom and guidance for world leaders, politicians and governments as they balance halting the spread of coronavirus with protecting jobs and their economies. The poor are the hardest hit during pandemics. We pray that governments will work to support them.

Father, we pray for those who bear the responsibility for leading us in this time. Assist those making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. Grant them wisdom and clarity of thought and enable their communication with each other and with the public. May we receive and heed their guidance. May truth and compassion be their touchstones as they set policies for our protection. Amen

(Source: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/commons/the-speaker/supporting-the-speaker/speakers-chaplain/extra-page/>)

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

Amen

(Source: <https://www.worldvision.org/disaster-relief-news-stories/prayers-people-affected-new-coronavirus>)

7pm – Vaccines

We give thanks for the researchers working on vaccines and cures and those involved in their manufacture and roll out. We pray that vaccines will be effective and available to all in the world, not just the rich.

Merciful God, hear our prayers for a world that continues to grapple with a relentless virus, and our gratitude for the light beginning to emerge at the end of a long and deadly tunnel.

As vaccines are at last becoming available for COVID-19 and as people begin to be inoculated around the globe, we give thanks for all whose tireless labours have brought us to this day: technicians, scientists, medical personnel, biotech companies and government agencies that have worked together to find a cure that will restore our communities to wholeness and health.

We pray that the reach of these vaccines will encompass the world, especially those places where medical resources have far too often been inadequate to the need, places where under resourced medical systems are overwhelmed by the essential work of caring for those who have been infected.

Let us live in the Spirit of Christ for one another and for our world.
God, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

(Source: <https://pres-outlook.org/2020/12/a-prayer-of-thanksgiving-for-the-covid-19-vaccines/>)

8pm – Generosity and support, helping others

We give thanks that communities have come together to help and support each other, for the generosity many have shown in the face of adversity.

We pray for our churches and church leaders, working out ways to support our communities

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.

(Source: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>)

God of healing and hope,
may this time of danger be by your Holy Spirit,
bring out the best and not the worst in us.
Show us the ways in which we can share faith and love,
while standing at a distance,

and honour our connection with one another,
and with you,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Amen

(Source: <https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/prayers-for-coronavirus/>)

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

(Source: https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/prayers_about_the_outbreak.pdf)

9pm – Conclusion and Night Prayer

For the health workers tending the seriously ill
for the scientists working on a vaccination
for the researchers analysing data and identifying trends
for the media outlets working to communicate reality
for the supermarket workers, hygiene and sanitation providers
for the good news stories of recoveries and effective planning
for the singing from balconies by locked-down communities
for the recognition that isolation doesn't need to mean loneliness
for the notes through letterboxes offering help and support
for the internet and telephones and technology that connects
for the awakened appreciation of what is truly important
Thanks be to God.

For those who are unwell and concerned for loved ones
for those who were already very anxious
for those immune suppressed or compromised
for those vulnerable because of underlying conditions
for those in the 'most at risk to coronavirus' categories
for those watching their entire income stream dry up
for those who have no choice but to go out to work
for those who are afraid to be at home
for those who are more lonely than they've ever been

for those who are bereaved and grieving.
God be their healer, comfort and protection,
be their strength, shield and provision
be their security, safety and close companion

And raise up your Church
to be your well-washed hands and faithful feet
to be present to the pain
to respond with love in action
if even from a safe distance.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Amen

(Source: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/churches/coronavirus-prayers>)

Night Prayer

(Source: https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202%20April_0.pdf)

Opening Sentences

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

All: Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: 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.

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High

All: and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my
stronghold,

All: my God, in whom I put my trust.'

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler

All: and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;

All: his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,

All: nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

All: nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,

All: yet it shall not come near you.

Your eyes have only to behold

All: to see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge

All: and the Most High your stronghold,

here shall no evil happen to you,

All: neither shall any plague come near your tent.

For he shall give his angels charge over you,

All: to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands,

All: lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;

**All: the young lion and the serpent
you shall trample underfoot.**

Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;

All: I will lift them up, because they know my name.

They will call upon me and I will answer them;

I am with them in trouble,

All: I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

With long life will I satisfy them

All: and show them my salvation.

**All: 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.**

Readings:

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

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

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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All: 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.
All: Amen.