



**More Topics for Prayer**  
during Coronavirus lockdown



***Come all you people come and praise your maker***

As churches prepare to open their doors - a prayer of Thomas Merton for all people of faith.

*O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you; we thank you; we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious.*

As you hold particular people in mind and pray for one another you may like to light a candle.

As we continue to navigate these troubling times, use these words from **the Iona**.

*The light of Christ be yours today  
The light of Christ shine on your way  
And for more light, for you, we pray  
To lead you on, to see you through*

**Chant by John W Bell**

If you are struggling with compassion fatigue, the prayers that follow may bring comfort:

*Give me, O Lord, a calm soul a clear head,  
a broad mind and a generous spirit.*

*Give me, a warm heart and a listening ear,  
my true voice and a gentle touch.*

*Give me,  
a hunger for justice and a thirst for peace,  
a passion for truth and a love of mercy.*

*Give me, a painter's eye and a poet's tongue,  
a saint's patience and a prophet's hope.*

*Give me, a sage's wisdom and a fool's delight,  
a pilgrim's purpose and an angel's content.*

**Prayer for Many Gifts: Stephen Cherry,  
Dean of King's College, Cambridge**

*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,  
so that your perfect love,  
that knows no borders, may cast out  
fear and selfishness that divides.*

**A Prayer from CAFOD**

*When our souls are dry and weary,  
we seek the living water of your presence  
Come Holy Spirit.*

*When our hearts are broken and wounded,  
we seek the healing of the comforter  
Come Holy Spirit.*

*When our lives are weak and overwhelmed,  
we seek the power of your breath  
Come Holy Spirit.*

*When our witness is unfaithful and unfruitful,  
we seek the enabling advocate  
Come Holy Spirit.*

*When our faith is cold and stagnant,  
we seek the fire of your love  
Come Holy Spirit.*

**A Pentecost Prayer from the Anglican Church**

**Some Topics for your prayers – For...**

**schools** - teachers, children, support staff, governing bodies and local councils trying to make and implement difficult decisions.

**university students** not knowing what decisions to take for the next academic year.

**all training for ordination** - in the added stress of studies and expectations (Jill and Catherine).

**David** as he leads us in this next phase of new normal in church life.

**all** feeling the stress of shielding and lockdown; and those tentatively stepping into the world.

**those** fearing a coming financial crisis - global and personal - how this will impact churches.

**the young** and **the old** wondering if they have a future and what shape it will take.