

We give thanks

Lord, we give thanks for those who are working to combat the virus..

For governments and their advisors world-wide....

For all health care and aid workers.....and their families

For those keeping our shops and public services running...

For communications and news services...

For good neighbours...

For all clergy and church-workers...

Guide and protect them in all they do to serve our communities.

Amen.

We say with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

As we bring our prayer time to a close we hear God's blessing

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon
you blessing and light.

Amen.



AN ORDER of PRAYER

*For personal use in the quiet of home or church
during this time of global crisis*



Jesus sets before us the hope of the Kingdom of God.

All that is broken will be bound up
in God's healing love.

All that is marred by weakness and sin will
be transformed by God's reconciling love.
In his humanity, Jesus took on himself our
weakness and bore our sins.

The Holy Spirit is present in the struggles
and groaning of a world subject to decay,
bringing to birth the freedom and glory of
God's new creation.

It is in this hope that we bring to God our prayers and our
penitence, and look to God for the new life of the kingdom

As we still ourselves in the silence we remember that God is with us

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:

O my God, in you I trust

We confess to God our need for his mercy and forgiveness

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

Lord, have mercy

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness
Christ, have mercy

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord, have mercy

May the Father forgive us

By the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles

the wonder of your saving presence:

renew all your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hear some words from the Gospel of Matthew

‘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.’ (Mt. 11.28-30)

*As we say the following prayer we may like to light a candle for
those we name*

O God, you have loved us with an everlasting
love Be with us and help us, Lord

We bring you our weakness
all that makes us anxious or afraid....
Be with us and help us, Lord

We pray for those we love
that you will protect and guide them
Be with them and help them, Lord

We hold before you any who suffer this day....
Be with them and help them, Lord

We pray for the most vulnerable in our society, and world-
wide...
Be with them and help them, Lord

We pray for your healing and life-giving Spirit
to renew and restore
Set us free, heal our wounds,
and draw us together in love,
O God, who never leaves us nor forsakes us. Amen.

