

Prayer Resources
during the Coronavirus outbreak

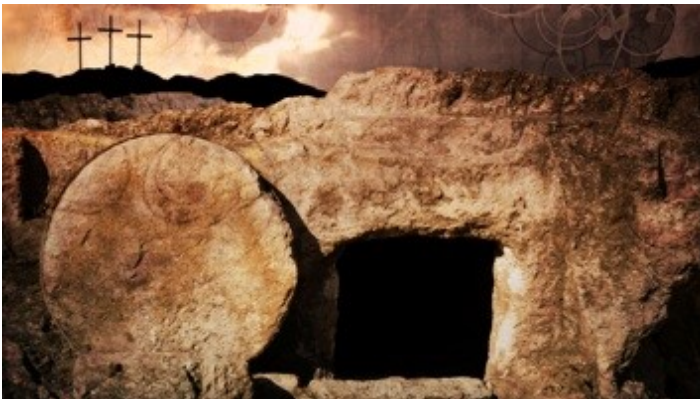
*Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.*

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you

with my righteous right hand

Isaiah 41:10



Day Of Prayer

For Coronavirus Pandemic

You can use these resources at any time but our congregation at Christ Church is being asked to pray on Thursday 16th April.

Our website will have a short act of prayer for you to join in on the day.

But these resources offer prayers beyond that in four sections:

- A prayer for us all to say**
- Other prayers, general and specific for adults**
- Prayers with the family.**
- Prayers for ourselves.**

To say together on our Day of Prayer

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all crea-
tion, but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Corona-
virus. 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 sci-
entists, 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.

Other Prayers you may like to use

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.

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.

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 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.

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. Amen

Prayers with the Family



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 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.



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.

Prayers for Ourselves

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. Amen

If you are 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.

