

## 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.

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.

### 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

### Prayers with Children

*Before praying, it is suggested that there is a discussion  
about people and places they wish to pray for.*

### 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 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.

### Some Celtic Prayers

### **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.

### **A Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
And be gracious to you;;  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace.

You are the peace of all things calm  
You are the place to hide from harm  
You are the light that shines in dark  
You are the heart's eternal spark  
You are the door that's open wide  
You are the guest who waits inside  
You are the stranger at the door  
You are the calling of the poor  
You are my Lord and with me still  
You are my love, keep me from ill  
You are the light, the truth, the way  
You are my Saviour this very day.  
(celtic oral tradition - 1st millennium)

Circle me, Lord.  
Keep protection near  
And danger afar.  
Circle me, Lord  
Keep hope within.  
Keep doubt without.  
Circle me, Lord.  
Keep light near  
And darkness afar.  
Circle me, Lord.  
Keep peace within.  
Keep evil out.  
(david adam)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me,  
Save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought In the day and the night,  
Both waking and steeping,  
Thy presence my light.

### **Prayers and devotions online**

[Prayer for the Day](#) – Text and Audio of a Daily Prayer

[Morning, Evening and Night Prayer \(and during the day\)](#) This site gives the services for the day in text form. You can say them on your own (many of us do)

[Special prayers for personal use during the Coronavirus outbreak](#)

[Live Lent](#) Resources for Lent

### **Apps:**

You might like to Google one or more of the following Apps to help with your devotions:

Pray as you Go (also a podcast);

3 Minute retreat;

Lectio 365;

Bible in a Year; (**recommended**)

Centering Prayer;

Reimagining the Examen;

Daily Prayer;

YouBible;

LiveLent;

Reflections for Daily Prayer;

Discover App

**Podcasts:** You may like to Google these podcasts;;

Church Times podcast:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/regulars/podcast>

Pray as you go:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/prayer%20tools/>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/go%20deeper/>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/textos/>

### **Smart Speakers**

If you have a smart speaker or have Alexa or Google Assistant on your tablet you can get some of these resources by saying:

*“Alexa, open the Church of England” or*

*“Hey Google, talk to the Church of England”*