

### **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.  
Many people are anxious because of it.  
Many people are anxious that they might get ill.  
Many people are anxious about their family and friends.  
Be with them in their worries and help them to find some peace.  
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists who are working to  
discover the right medicines to give hope to those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these strange and worrying times, you are with us.  
Help us to look for the signs of your goodness and love towards us.  
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)*. 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 anxious.  
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.

### **A prayer about the Coronavirus 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.

### **For those in isolation**

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.

### **Showing compassion**

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 care for the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.  
Amen.

### **For those who are ill**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care,  
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.  
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.

### **Prayers for when you can't get to church**

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.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.  
*From St Patrick's Breastplate*

I am giving you worship with all my life,  
I am giving you obedience with all my power,  
I am giving you praise with all my strength,  
I am giving you honour with all my speech.  
I am giving you love with all my heart,  
I am giving you affection with all my sense,  
I am giving you my being with all my mind,  
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
son of the living God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.  
*The 'Jesus Prayer'*

### **Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation**

- [Psalm 27](#) *The Lord is my light and my salvation*
- [Psalm 46](#) *Be still, and know that I am God.*
- [Psalm 91](#) *He shall cover you with his wings*
- [Psalm 139](#) *O Lord, you have searched me out and known me*
- [Isaiah 43](#) (esp vv.1-7) *Do not fear, for I am with you*
- [John 14](#) *Do not let your hearts be troubled*