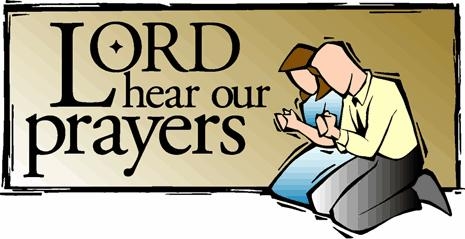


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**Prayers for this time**

**Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy**.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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.**

**Lord God**, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
understood people's fear and pain  
before they spoke of them,  
we pray for those in hospital;  
surround the frightened with your tenderness;  
give strength to those in pain;  
hold the weak in your arms of love,  
and give hope and patience  
to those who are recovering;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**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.**

**A prayer for 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.

**Amen**

This is a free national phoneline to bring worship and prayer into people’s homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus was launched in April by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, and reflections.

Although thousands of churches across the country are now running services and prayer groups online while public worship remains suspended, many people – especially older people – do not have access to the internet. Archbishop Justin said: “With many in our country on lockdown, it’s important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are. The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope.'

**Prayer for the time of any common Plague of Sickness.**

**We humbly** acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart: Yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the contagious sickness wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings: We offer unto thy Divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy glorious Name for such thy preservation and providence over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Pray for our Clergy,** wardens, administrators and all who are working to maintain our worship, our church buildings and our communication at this challenging time.

Pray for all those who are suffering physically, mentally or economically as a result of the pandemic.

**July 24th is Samaritans Day.** Thank God for all those who work or volunteer to help others and for the strength to be Good Samaritans ourselves.  Pray for grace to be a light in the darkness and a force for good.

*Contributed by Sara Yarwood*

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| The prayer chain is a team of dedicated intercessors who will pray for any urgent prayer requests.  The team can be contacted by ringing either of the following:- **Nick and Adele Hardman   01942 888786** or **Glennys Worthington  0161 702 8566**   Your prayer request will be handled confidentially and passed through the small team for prayer. If you want us to pray from you, another person or a situation please let us have the details. Your request will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence and will only be passed to the prayer team at St John's church. |  |

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