

*You may find these prayers helpful:*

### **For our friends and relatives and ourselves**

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.**

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.**

God our Father, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light: we place in your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For our village and community and those who help**

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 involved in Government and the Health services**

Gracious God, we remember those who are guiding our responses to the virus, our government and their advisors.

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 wider world**

Heavenly Father we remember those areas of the world affected even more than our own country by the pandemic. Remembering those who have lost loved ones and those finding it difficult to cope with the restrictions they face. May we all find that as we share these difficulties and sorrows that we are indeed one human race.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **When we are talking with children about the Corona virus**

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.**

### ***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)* 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.**

### **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**

*These prayers are adapted for publication from various churches.*