

Morning Prayer at home

You may wish to light a candle as a reminder of Jesus the light of the world and that wherever we are gathered we are still united in Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bible Readings

(Gospel and New Testament reading on the separate sheet provided)

Reflection

(on separate sheet provided)

A moment of silence may be added

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Lord, as we face these uncertain times, we pray for your protection on all those whom we love. We pray for all those who are ill because of the Corona virus or from on-going medical conditions, we also pray for all those who are fearful of getting ill. We pray for all staff working in the emergency services, hospitals, hospices and care homes and for all caring for others who are ill. We pray for all those for whom this day will seem long and hard, especially remembering those who are in self-isolation at this time.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are struggling to work or to earn money due to the Corona virus. We pray for businesses who are struggling to keep afloat in these uncertain times and for people who are fearful of losing their jobs. We pray that as a nation, we will unite to help all those in need at this time.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our leaders in government and health organisations who are having to make difficult decisions at this time and are under extreme stress.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray that your Spirit will guide us as a church to care for those in our community who need our help at this time. We pray for Bishops and Church leaders who are having to make difficult decisions at this time. We pray for all those who are fearful about the future of church and pray for your Spirit to guide us as we come together in a new way. As a church, may we know that although we are not together in person, we are united together by prayer.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have recently died and all those who mourn their loss at this time.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we name those who we especially wish to pray for today...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Final Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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