

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord. *St Benedict*

A prayer for when a school 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.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Psalms

27 'The Lord is my light and my salvation'
46 'Be still and know that I am God'
91 'He shall cover you with his wings'
139 'You have searched me out and
known me'

Isaiah 43

'Do not fear for I am with you.'

John 14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.'

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ONLINE RESOURCES

Calendar and Lectionary for Common Worship

<https://almanac.oremus.org/>

Daily Prayer Resources

Prayer throughout the day both online and
via Android and iOS apps
[https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-
and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer)

Prayer Apps

<https://innerroom.app/>

Online streaming of services

Under 'digital resources', bottom of the
page
[https://www.churchofengland.org/more/me-
dia-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-
churches](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches)

Online Bibles / Bible Study

<https://www.biblegateway.com/>

<https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/>

<https://www.youversion.com/>

[https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-
the-bible/](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/)

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A Service of Prayer for when we cannot
meet at church.

If you are reading this online, there are a
number of links for prayer resources and
church services at the end of this booklet.

Know that when you join in prayer you
join with others, we are the church of
Christ.

If you are able, perhaps you could light a
candle as a reminder of Christ with you.

For those who regularly donate to their
church, please prayerfully consider making
arrangements with the churchwarden to
continue your giving.

Morning Prayer

O Lord open our lips
**and our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**
Your faithful servants bless you.
**They make known the glory of your
kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and
judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing
away
may the light of your presence which the
saints enjoy surround our steps as we
journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day and so
be ready to see your face in the heavenly
city where night shall be no more.
Blessed by God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.

Blessed be God forever.

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

silence

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 forever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

*(either choose a favourite or look up the
readings for the day on line if you are able)*

Psalms (27, 46, 91, 139)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was
in the beginning is now and shall be
forever. Amen.**

Gospel.

Read it once or twice and then spend
some time reflecting on it and talking
about what struck you.

Prayers for the world and each other.

For our world at large; things in the news.
For our community.
For our friends and family.
For ourselves.

The Lord's prayer.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing
May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you;
may the Lord turn his face toward you and
give you peace.
Go to the day ahead in the light and peace
of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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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 care for 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 worried/social cohesion

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to
those in need
and heal the sick in body and mind.
Look kindly on those who are fearful at
this time.
Help us all to put away all thoughts and
actions
that separate us from you and from one
another.
Give us grace to live our lives
confident in your promise that you are
with us always.
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.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One. *adapted from*
Alexander Carmichael,
Carmina Gadelica (1900)

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the
attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of
this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your
gracious help,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.