

Midday Prayer

*Christian prayers during
the coronavirus
pandemic.*



Scripture

Begin by reading these words slowly and thoughtfully ...

God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So, we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence. (Psalm 46:1-3)

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving towards all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. (Psalm 145:13-14)

This is what the Lord says - "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." (Isaiah 43:2)

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

St. Paul wrote, 'There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:39)

Response

Loving God, we thank you that we can bring all our worries and concerns to you. Help us to understand that you are always with us. Give us your peace now, as we rest in your love. Amen.

A Prayer for the hospice

Lord, we thank you for the Mary Stevens Hospice.

In these troubled times:

- may staff and volunteers be given strength, energy, patience and creativity to do the work they can;
- may patients and families have all the support they need, even though they cannot meet face-to-face;
- may the hospice be given the resources it needs to continue offering vital support to our communities.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for others and ourselves

We pray for all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of leadership,
that they may be granted wisdom, courage and patience,
and work together for the good of all:

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves and our loved ones,
that we may be confident of God's loving presence
and so give strength to others even in our weakness:

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

AND we pray for an end to this pandemic;
for hope, healing and restoration.
May the Holy Spirit shape a new and better world:
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

May the love of God the Father fill us.
May the peace of God the Son guide us.
May the joy of God the Holy Spirit be our strength.
Amen.