

The Lord's Prayer: (you may wish to use the Makaton sign language if you know it – we'll try and find a video link)

**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.**

A Closing Prayer of Blessing: (from St Patrick's Breastplate)

**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.**



**I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in
Three. Of Whom all nature hath Creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
For salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

A short service of Daily Prayer in Lent for Church at Home



This is an offering to support and help people in their prayer life during this time while we are being "Church at Home."

(You already may have your own practice or wish to use other material, that's fine. Further links to other resources are given on the New Creation website.)

If you wish to use this Daily Prayer try and find a regular time, space and routine to your prayer each day. You may wish to light a candle and be still before you begin. You will also need your Prayer Diary and a Bible to hand (Bible readings themselves can be looked up online at "Biblegateway.com").

An opening prayer:

O Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise. For this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 51:15 and Psalm 118:24)

As we recall Your faithfulness, O God, to us and to the world we pray...

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God. Great is your faithfulness. (Lamentation 3:22-23)

As we rejoice then 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.

You may wish to pause for a moment to remember other members of your Church at Home group, your Church, and members of your family before God wherever they may be...

Listening to God's word (based on Dwelling in His Word):

The Psalm, and the Bible Readings for each day can be found in your Prayer Diary (if you don't have a copy please let your Co-ordinator know and they will get one to you).



Try and read slowly, letting the words of each reading breathe. Try and pause between each reading to see what God may be saying, either by a word, a phrase, a thought or a question lifting off the page and speaking to you. Try and trust it, stay

with what it says, asking what it might mean to you rather than dismissing or questioning it, as long as is helpful. This can be an incredibly fruitful practice and gets easier the more it is practiced.

A time of Prayer for others and ourselves:

Praying your Prayer Diary – each day there is an entry

Take time to offer things to God that are on your mind either from the news or your own worries or concerns.



A prayer for each other and those in need during these times...

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. (Church of England Prayer)

A Prayer for this season of Lent...

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age, 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 bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Blessed be God for ever.