

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS SUNDAY WORSHIP DURING THE CORONOVIRUS CRISIS

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

*A moment to be still and light a candle.
Play a hymn/worship song if you wish to do so*

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together,
We are together in spirit now.

Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

*Keep a short time of reflection,
leave your sins at the cross*

Confession: Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution: May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,
and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**

*Find the bible reading for today
Be still for a short while to think about the bible reading.*

Affirmation of Faith

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We intercede for others in the quiet of our hearts.
Lord, meet us in the silence
And hear our prayer.

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.
For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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.

Play a hymn or song if you are able

Concluding prayers

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*)

Fill us, Lord with your Spirit of love;
And as you have fed us with your presence,
so make us one in heart and mind,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ALTERNATIVE PRAYER IDEAS

The "Examen" (end of the day prayers)

Don't let the name put you off! This is a very simple way to prayerfully review your day with God in five steps:

1. Become aware of God's presence, or ask God to help you remember he's there with you.
2. Review the day with gratitude (as best you can!)
3. Pay attention to how you're feeling about it.
4. Choose one feature of the day and pray about it.
5. Look toward tomorrow. What do you expect the day to hold? Ask God to help you remember He is with you.

Lectio Divina:

Again, if this is new to you, don't let the name put you off. Lectio helps you to read the Bible in a prayerful way. Pick a short passage of Scripture (it can be anything you like, but if you're stuck, parables of Jesus or the shorter Psalms are a good choice). Read it through, slowly, two or three times. Notice what jumps out at you, and ask yourself, what is God saying to me here? Reflect on this for a few minutes. Then, read the passage again. Now ask yourself, what do I want to say to God? - then say it. Lastly, sit quietly and know that God is with you.