

Prayers about the outbreak

God of love,
Circle us with your grace and hope.
Protect we pray all those who suffer
In body, mind or spirit.
Protect and strengthen all those working in our health services,
all those in our local and national governments with planning
responsibilities,
all local businesses and those with financial worries
all those who are facing an increase in racism or other abuse
and all those who are already isolated or alone.
Fill our parish, our diocese, our country and our world
With your spirit of love and compassion.
May the light of life burn brightly in our communities,
And may we know the peace that passes all understanding.

Amen

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 tend 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.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms
are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;
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.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Prayers suitable for use with Children

A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.

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.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are
working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray

That you, with steadfast love,

would keep Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for

(*names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus*) and the
people of (*country or place which is affected by Coronavirus*).

Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.

Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)*

because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything
today.

Amen.