



THE CHURCH  
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WITH OVERSLADE

## **Morning Prayer** during the coronavirus pandemic

*This liturgy is designed so that it can be used by one person. If there are more of you, we suggest sharing out the bible readings and saying everything else together.*

### **Opening Sentences**

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.  
God is close to those who trust in him.

*Nahum 1.7*

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

*Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.*

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 for ever. Amen.

### **Bible Reading**

#### ***Say a Psalm***

eg. Psalm 23 or 46 or 91 or 139

#### **Daily Reading**

*You may wish to use the weekly pattern of short readings overleaf,  
or choose a passage of your own.*

***Sunday Morning***    *Isaiah 43.1-3a*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

***Monday Morning***    *John 14.1-6*

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

***Tuesday Morning***    *Philippians 4.8-9*

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

***Wednesday Morning***    *Colossians 3.16,17*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Thursday Morning**    *Ephesians 2.19-22*

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Friday Morning**    *Romans 19.9-12*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

**Saturday Morning**    *Luke 12.22-31*

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you for our church family.  
We pray that through this season of turmoil,  
You would enable us to grow closer to you,  
closer to each other,  
and closer to our friends and neighbours.  
Give us grace and creativity to “do church differently”  
and equip us to serve you and the world you love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

### **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.  
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.