



**Christ Church
St. Andrews**

Glorifying God : Building Community

This prayer booklet has been produced to help people to pray in these complex days. Please do use it as suits you.

God knows us

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways. Amen.

A prayer for God's guidance

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we ask you to direct and govern both our hearts

and minds in your ways that through your most mighty protection, both in the present and in the future, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For dealing with a difficult situation

Sovereign God, the defence of those who trust in you and the strength of those who suffer: look with mercy on our affliction and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



A prayer for God's protection

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadows of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all those who are brought

low: that we can find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

For those in isolation

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.



For hospital staff and medical researchers

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. Protect them from illness so they may continue in all the good work they do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those in pain or unwell

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those in hospital, or unwell at

this time; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In confusion

Lord Jesus, I come to you with all my confusion and pain; my hopes and fears. I have many doubts and questions. I need your help and strength. I pour out to you all my worries. Please bear them with me and give me your peace. Amen.

**For those who are
worried/social
cohesion**

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need and heal the sick in body and mind. Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time. Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions that separate us from you and from one another.

Give us grace to live our lives confident in your promise that you are with us always. In Jesus name. Amen.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we

may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

At night

Lord Jesus- help me to sleep tonight and be refreshed. Help me with your peace and protection, to face the fears and doubts in the early hours. Help me to know you are there beside me when I feel all alone. Amen.

