

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

For the nations and our leaders

Our Heavenly Father, we come before you with contrite hearts, yearning for your comfort and your grace. In the midst of COVID-19 spreading across the globe, we ask in your mercy that you would stop this plague and restore harmony and health to the nations. We also pray for those who govern us, grant them wisdom in their decisions as they navigate the threats to lives and livelihoods. Give us the willingness to

accept the limitations on our freedoms and help us to seek the welfare of others. We place our trust in Jesus, in whose powerful name we pray. Amen

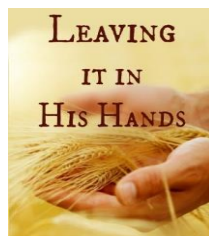
For key workers

Father, we thank you for all those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community, for health workers, doctors, nurses, paramedics, and those who work in laboratories seeking a vaccine for the Coronavirus. Give them wisdom, skill and patience in their work, and by Your grace, give them success in their endeavours. We pray to for other key workers, please especially protect them and give them the energy and strength they need. Amen.

**For trusting in God's
sovereignty**

Heavenly Father, I praise You as the sovereign Lord of the universe. I praise You that nothing is too hard for You. I thank You that you care for me—that all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before any of them happened. I thank you that You can be trusted. And I do trust You. Help me to trust You more. Thank You that the coronavirus, and all the circumstances around it, are not frightening to You. Thank You that You know everything there is to know about this virus. Thank you for this desperately needed reminder that we need you. Lord, I confess that I have spent time thinking and acting as if I were self-sufficient. Forgive me. Help me and others

to remember that we depend on you for everything we need, whether we feel healthy or sick, whether the economy is healthy or sick. Use this time to teach us to trust You more during good times and bad. In Jesus name. Amen.



For revival

Loving heavenly Father, at a time of great need, please pour out your saving grace on our world and bring people into your kingdom in an extraordinary way. Please use this virus, and all the circumstances surrounding it, to bring people to their knees. Turn people's hearts and

minds back to you in repentance and faith. Enable us all to see that, for too long, we've based our lives on shifting sand. Bring people all over the world – whether for the first time, or in a fresh way – to turn to the Lord Jesus as their Rock, and to put their hope and trust in Him.

Thank you that, no matter where we have wandered or how long we've run from You, You are always ready to welcome us back through Jesus and what He's done for us. Amen.



For those struggling

Lord we pray for those struggling with anxiety and fear, please be their Rock and salvation.

Remind them that you are the God of hope and encouragement and be their refuge and strength. We pray for those in the grip of mental health struggles, those who are in the valley of the shadow of death, show Yourself to them as their loving and strong Shepherd who knows and calls them by name. Lift their eyes from present troubles to see You as the source of light in their darkness. Amen.

For God's people

Lord God, we give thanks that You are always attentive to the prayers of Your people. We pray for Your people all over the world, especially for those here in Herne Bay. Strengthen us for our witness and work in the world. Assist Your people to boldly confess our

trust in Jesus, and speak of Your grace and glory to our anxious and fearful world. Amen

For children

Lord, we lift to You the weak and vulnerable. We pray especially for children, confused and upset by all the changes in their lives. Please help those caring for them, to protect and nurture them. Give them wisdom to look to You for help. In the name of Jesus who welcomed and blessed little children with compassion and kindness. Amen

For true hope

Sovereign Lord, you alone are the hope and healer of your people. You have promised us the hope of a world where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, or dying. Comfort and heal,

merciful Lord, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble.

By Jesus death and resurrection you have set Your people free from both the penalty of sin and the fear of death. Give us a firm trust in your goodness, and trust that you will fulfil all of Your precious promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A concluding prayer

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.