

Intercessory Prayers

Almighty God our Heavenly Father,

May you draw close to those who may be sick, anxious or grieving. May they be increasingly trusting in you as the one upon whom we depend and to whom we wish one day to be gathered, even as a hen gathers her chicks.

For our medical staff, nurses & associated colleagues may you give them energy & persistence & compassion for those in their care, even as you power the sun to care for us.

May our scientists, statisticians & epidemiologists be guided to usefully explore and develop ways for our nation to manage the present crisis, even as you understand all things.

For our government, politicians and public servants may they know heavenly wisdom and right priorities to rule, administer and support our vulnerable nation, even as you rule all of history and revealed your purposes to your servants.

May we each as citizens, parents, employees, students act responsibly and kindly toward each other and especially be mindful of the vulnerable and hurting, even as you poured out your Spirit upon your church that it might grow and honour you.

May the transforming message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ be instrumental in giving hope and resolve across our country. May those who sleep be assured of your welcome into everlasting domains. May a testimony develop of renewed faith in your beloved Son who suffered and gave his life to rescue humankind across the world and through all ages.

In his mighty name we ask your blessing. Amen.

Heavenly Father,

We pray for those who are unwell, vulnerable and financially poor. Lord, we ask they are shown love and compassion and those of us who are able, are moved, by Your Spirit, to support those in need in whatever way we are able. Lord, we pray for an outpouring of your love so that we might each go that extra mile, in Your Name, so your love becomes tangible to all. In Your Name, Jesus, Amen

Lord God,

We ask that those who are troubled or anxious at this time to learn to lean into you, Lord. To know that you are their Father and they are your beloved children. That you will be with them always, to the end of time. Amen

Merciful Father,

We are not people of fear, we are people of courage. You are a good Father; our Father in heaven. We draw on that strength you provide to do your will. Lord, let each one of us be a rock for others, let us be your hands and feet, let your light shine through us so that your Name may be glorified. Amen

Heavenly Father,

Give wisdom and strength to those in authority, in this country and across the globe. Lord, we ask that you guide them and for them to listen to You. Bless each one of them, with all they need to face the work set before them. Amen

Father in heaven,

We praise and thank you for your generous provision of our National Health Service, free at the point of delivery for all.

Lord, we thank you for each and every NHS worker and support worker. We thank you for those medics returning from retirement to help at this unprecedented time of need. Lord, we pray for strength and protection for each one of them and for their families.

We pray for your heavenly provision for each one of them in their professional endeavours and in their personal lives.

We ask, Lord, that they are your hands and feet, on this earth, for those to whom they minister. Lord, pour your blessings on each and every one of them. Amen

God in heaven,

We thank you for those in authority making decisions to protect their people at this time. Lord, we ask that they hear their earthly expert advisers, but Lord, that they hear your still small voice above all else.

Give them strength to lead, give them rest that they might be refreshed. Put your angels around them that they might be protected.

Lord, let them bring your peace that passes all understanding.

Amen

Lord God,

We thank you for the medical researchers You have given us.

We ask that You guide their work that they may find a treatment, a vaccine and a retrospective test to determine who has had the virus.

Lord, we ask for national and international cooperation between researchers so that progress is accelerated. Amen

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all those working in the supply chain to provide for our needs, of food, medicines and other essentials.

Lord, let them see that their work is vital.

Lord, we ask for an outpouring of your love on them and their families. Lord, we ask for blessings on them and their families that they might receive comfort and strength. Amen

Lord Jesus,

We pray for all essential workers who are keeping this country going, when so many must simply remain in isolation at home.

Lord, we thank you for their sacrifice. Lord, we ask for your love to embrace each one of them. We ask for your blessings to abound on them and their families. Amen

Lord Jesus,

We pray for each and every one who is unwell or anxious at this time.

Lord, we ask that each person is comforted by your presence, that they can reach out and know you are with them, that they may take comfort from knowing You. Strengthen each one of them through your Holy Spirit. Amen