

For those who are ill

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;
through 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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate
me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours'
safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

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Prayers to Pray at Home

Spring 2020

Prayers

Here are some prayers that may be helpful at this time, to pray at home, with a family member, or over the telephone.

Some suggestions as you come to pray:

- Find somewhere comfortable to sit
- Light a candle
- Be aware of your body as you still yourself
- Take a deep breath in and be aware of God's presence with you
- Wonder what God might have for you in this moment

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

A Litany for the World

In the places of decision-making
and the places of powerlessness:
Come, Lord...

In the places of wealth
and the places of poverty:
Come, Lord...

Where we are healthy
and where we are sick:
Come, Lord...

In the streets of plenty
and in the dark corners and alleys:
Come, Lord...

Where people are oppressed
And in the hearts of the oppressors:
Come, Lord...

In our places of worship
And where there is not faith:
Come, Lord...

In our places of learning
and in the depths of our ignorance:
Come, Lord...

In our homes and our welcomes
and where people couldn't care less:
Come, Lord...

Ann Lewin

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.

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