



## Praying in isolation – TOGETHER

As we enter this time of prayer, let us be mindful of these words of our Patron, the Beloved Disciple, St John the Evangelist *'Perfect love casts out fear'*

And these words of our Lord offered to us by St John,  
*'In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer for I have overcome the world'*

### Opening prayer

Dear Lord, you are the Great Physician of our souls and bodies and oversee your creation with your divine love and care. In this time of fear, anxiety and worry, shelter us with the divine wings and keep our souls safe. Grant health and recovery to those suffering with coronavirus. Guide the hands of doctors and nurses and all healthcare professionals. Give wisdom to those seeking an antidote. Help those whose employment or business is in jeopardy. Encourage and give grace to all the children and young people and their teachers, to the key workers and emergency workers. Support the aged and vulnerable. Give wisdom and courage to our Government to make decisions that align with your will. Comfort those who have lost loved ones. May those who die of this virus rest in peace and rise in glory.

In all this, help us your people in our various situations to trust in you and be carriers of hope and reassurance, healing and peace. Amen.

### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.



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*From Matthew, our Lord's blessing on those who follow him*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Amen.

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*From Ancient Liturgy*

O God, the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the bestower of affection, who sends peace to those that receive it; open to us this day the sea of Your love, and water us with abundant streams from the riches of Your grace. And from the sweetest springs of Your loving kindness, Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Kindle in us the fire of Your love; sow in us Your fear; strengthen our weakness by Your power; bind us closely to You and to each other in our firm and indissoluble bond of unity; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer traditional and modern*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Prayer for the Environment from Church of Scotland*

Creator God, you made all things and all that you made was very good. Show us how to respect the fragile balance of life. Guide by your wisdom those who have power to care for or destroy the environment, that by the decisions they make life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future generations through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Prayer of St Teresa of Avila*

Let nothing ever disturb you, Nothing affright you; All things are passing. God never changes. Patient endurance attains to all things; Who God possesses, in nothing is wanting. Alone God suffices.

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**From Common Worship, an Armenian Prayer**

Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your holy and venerable cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, and count us worthy to glorify you with thanksgiving with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, world without end. Amen

**Blessing**



May God the Father bless us: May Christ take care of us; the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life. The Lord be our Defender and keeper of body and soul, both now and forever. Amen.

**The Grace**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.



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