

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AT THIS TIME 1

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:
Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AT THIS TIME 2

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
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Prayers about the coronavirus outbreak

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.**

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.**

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.**