

Praying for Corona Virus—Covid-19

Praying for those in authority

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

- For Boris Johnson and the cabinet – that they would be wise in setting and communicating policies to stop and mitigate the virus
- For the scientists advising the UK government – that they would understand the virus better and make excellent recommendations on how best to protect all of us
- For the World Health Organisation – that it would help governments worldwide fight the virus effectively by issuing wise advice
- For NHS management to find the most effective policies to provide high levels of care to those at threat from coronavirus and those with other illnesses
- For business leaders to put in place policies that help the country respond – by slowing the virus’ spread and by helping provide resources needed by the NHS and by those who are ill
- That church leaders would be bold in proclaiming Christ with wisdom and compassion and in leading the church to respond to those around us with love

Praying for society

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

- For those doctors, nurses and other health professionals as they come under pressure and strain – that they would be kept free from illness
- That the threat of illness would help many in society recognise their own mortality and their need for hope in the face of death
- For scientists to be successful in finding a vaccine and other effective ways to protect people from the virus
- That people would be mindful of the effects of their actions on others: following medical advice carefully and being responsible when buying supplies
- That time in isolation from others would provide an opportunity for non-Christians to reflect, repent and turn to Christ
- For all those whose work or study is hit by the crisis – that we would be fair to all who are affected and look after those whose livelihoods are threatened
- For those who are bereaved

Praying for protection

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:13-15)

- That we will declare our need before God
- That God would heal the elderly and vulnerable who have contracted the virus
- That there would be adequate medical and personal care for all who are affected
- For the friends and family of those who are ill, that they would be comforted and enabled to care for those who are sick
- That God’s mighty hand would be shown through the slowing down and eradication of the virus

Praying for our church

Pray for our church on lockdown that:

- We would all stay close to God
- We would sustain the love and care we have for each other in Christ.
- Our online services and contributions would be useful, helpful and a blessing to all those who engage.
- Our church family, adults and children, would continue to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ
- The clergy, wardens and PCC would have wisdom in leading us through this time and beyond.
- We would have a deep longing to be together again

Prayers for the Church Family who are ill or in particular medical need and for those who care for them

Pray for:

- All those completely housebound by the virus.
- Protection for those particularly vulnerable with existing illnesses
Please name those you know specifically
- all those in our church family who work in the medical and care fields.
particularly those caring for someone recently released from hospital.

**Father God, help our church family to walk
in a manner worthy of the calling You have given us.
May we walk humbly with You, our God.
Amen**

**Lord, You have told us in Your Word that You hear our prayers.
We cry out to You, we are humbling ourselves before You and seeking Your face.
We come together as a church family to seek You.
We repent and turn from our wicked ways, thank You for hearing us.
Thank you for Your forgiveness and healing.
We ask all these prayers in and through the name of Jesus,
our Saviour and our Lord.
Amen**

Thankfulness

In the light of Easter:

Thank God:

- For sending Jesus to die and rise for us.
- For His grace; which means it doesn't depend on how good we are.
- For our future hope won through His death and resurrection.
- For the truth that our salvation makes us part of the worldwide covenant church.
- For His willingness to continue to forgive us when we mess up.
- For the gift of His Holy Spirit
- For His Word the bible.
- For our families and our church family.
- For daily provision of all we need.
- For all His good gifts of creation.

Amen