**Prayers for use during the Coronovirus epidemic**

*(please take this sheet home if you would like to use these prayers again*)

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.
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.**

**A prayer to say with children**

**God of love and hope,**

**you made the world and care for all creation,**

**but the world feels strange right now.**

**The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.**

**Some people are worried that they might get ill.**

**Others are anxious for their family and friends.**

**Be with them and help them to find peace.**

**We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,**

**and all who are working to discover the right medicines**

**to help those who are ill.**

**Thank you that even in these anxious times,**

**you are with us.**

**Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.**

**Amen.**

**A prayer of personal dedication**

**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.**

**Amen**