

Welcome to the Parish of Capel & Ockley

We hope you enjoy visiting our churches and find peace whilst you are here. At this time of uncertainty with the Coronavirus outbreak, please feel free to write any prayer requests on the notice board. We hope that you will find the following prayers bring you comfort during this difficult time. If you would like to speak to someone, please speak to our Vicar Rev Liz Richardson in the first instance.

Suggested prayers for the Coronavirus Outbreak

A prayer 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.

For those in isolation

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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A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the World, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would
keep

Your watch around us while we sleep.
Tonight we pray especially for *(names
family or friends who are affected by
Coronavirus)* and the people of
*(country or place which is affected by
Coronavirus)*.

Give skill and wisdom to all who are
caring for them.
Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the
night.
You are with me when I'm happy and
when I'm sad.
You are with me when I'm healthy and
when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful
and when I am anxious.
Today I am feeling *(name how you are
feeling)* because *(reasons you are
feeling this way)*.
Help me to remember that you love
me and are with me in everything
today.
Amen.

*Prayers sourced from The Church of England website:
<https://www.churchofengland.org>*

Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation

- [Psalm 27](#) *The Lord is my light and my salvation*
- [Psalm 46](#) *Be still, and know that I am God.*
- [Psalm 91](#) *He shall cover you with his wings*
- [Psalm 139](#) *O Lord, you have searched me out and known me*
- [Isaiah 43](#) (esp vv.1-7) *Do not fear, for I am with you*
- [John 14](#) *Do not let your hearts be troubled*

Please feel free to call into one of our churches at any time. There are people you can speak to if you wish. See the front cover for contact details.



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 for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.
They are not allowed to go to school
or come over to play.
I'm sad because I miss them.
They must be feeling miserable and
lonely as well.
Please be close to them.
Please be with the people who are
looking after them.
Please help them to get better and to
know that you love them.
Amen.

A prayer for the world

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.
Many people are anxious because of
it.
Many people are anxious that they
might get ill.
Many people are anxious about their
family and friends.

For those who are worried/social cohesion

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate
to those in need
and heal the sick in body and mind.
Look kindly on those who are fearful
at this time.
Help us all to put away all thoughts
and actions
that separate us from you and from
one another.
Give us grace to live our lives
confident in your promise that you are
with us always.
Amen.



For those who are worried/social cohesion (continued)

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 care for the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.



Prayers for when you can't get to church

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.

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.

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