

PRAYERS – SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

Below are some prayer points you can use, whether you are alone, as a couple, or with your family. Feel free to add to them as you wish.

If there are several of you together you may wish to share the prayers. After each part the person praying may like to say; **Lord, in your mercy**, to which everyone else responds; **Hear our prayer**.

- Praise God that He has given us Jesus to be the Resurrection and the Life, and that we know we have new life with Him, both now and forever. Ask Him to make this new life the centre of our lives each day.
- Thank God for all the blessings He gives to us, including all of those we take for granted.
- Pray for all people around the world who are going through health issues, including those who are suffering from Corona Virus. Pray also for all the healthcare professionals who are treating the sick, and for those working on cures and vaccines.
- Pray for people who have either lost their business or job, or whose income is under threat.
- Pray for our leaders at all levels of government, that they will be given wisdom in the decisions they make, and that they will always act with wisdom and compassion.
- Pray for your family, your friends, neighbours, and for any country or person you know who is in need.
- Thank God that in Jesus He shows us not just the compassion He has for us, but also that He has the power and love to help us through any situation we face.

And/or, you may wish to use this prayer

Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak. We ask for your peace when we are tempted to panic or become anxious about this disease. Help us to place our trust in you, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to show your love to others, sharing the hope we have in you, praying and caring for the sick and needy as best we can in the name of Christ. Amen.