

PRAYERS – SUNDAY 5th APRIL

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.

Or, of course, you can just come up with your own prayers.

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 for sending Jesus to be our servant King.
- Ask God to help us to be a servant for others in the same way that Jesus is for us.
- Pray for all those people we know in particular need at the moment, eg, those who have lost their business or jobs, those who are unwell, those separated from family, those feeling anxious at this time.
- Pray for all our leaders, healthcare professionals, police and other emergency services personnel as treat people and keep us all safe at this time.
- Take time to reflect on and thank God for all good things we have in our world and in our lives.

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.