

Let us pray

Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

Our lives have changed so much in recent times and we are thankful that you are walking with us through the uncertainty, your steady presence providing comfort, your love and compassion giving us hope. We give thanks that the doors of our church have been opened again this week providing all who enter a place of peace in which to draw closer to you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers

Heavenly Father

During this time of global crisis, we bring before you the Governments of our country and the world, that they will be aware of their responsibilities to the countless peoples of your earth. Help them to put others ahead of their own desires and ambitions, so that your will can be done in all places where there is discrimination, oppression, violence and suffering of any kind.

As we see infection rates rising again here and in other countries, we continue to pray for our doctors and nurses, the emergency services, carers, the social services, all of whom are working tirelessly to protect and save lives. Help us to remain aware of the dangers we still face.

Be with all our Ministry Teams who continue to work in communities throughout the country providing help and comfort wherever it's needed, and keep them safe as they go about your work.

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God of compassion and the source of all healing

We bring to you all who are suffering in mind, body or spirit, those with Covid 19 or any other illness and ask that your healing hands will bring them relief.

We think of the many vulnerable people who are feeling scared for their futures during these times, such as the homeless, those with addictions, the elderly with no family to care for them. We ask that they will feel your comforting presence in their hours of need and know that you are with them to share their burdens and pain.

Draw near to those on our news sheet who are known and unknown to us, including all who have lost loved ones recently and feel worn down with grief. Draw them into your light and love where they might find peace and respite from their sorrow.

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Lord Jesus Christ

Only you know the answers to what lies ahead, and so we humbly pray for courage and faith to go where you might lead us. Refresh our lives with your love that we can change the way we live, to become the good Samaritans you have asked us to be.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN