

# Shine God's Light

WITH PRAYER



THY KINGDOM COME

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## Introduction

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost. Since its launch by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016, Christians from 172 countries and 65 denominations have taken part in praying for friends and family to come to faith in Jesus Christ. These days have always been full of expectation and anticipation. As the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable the disciples to be witnesses. As they waited for the promise to be fulfilled they devoted themselves constantly to prayer (Acts 1:14). So, the renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray.



*'It seems we are having to reinvent everything this year. Thy Kingdom Come, which is normally a time of gathering and of being together, is now to be done at home. Well, praise God. That's where the church began - in people's homes, in people's houses and where in many parts of the world it still happens.'* + Justin Welby – Archbishop of Canterbury

This prayer resource has been prepared by members of St Andrew's church family to encourage one another to pray and in particular to be used during our 12 hours of continuous prayer on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



## **The prayers are arranged into themes:**

1. A prayer based on Luke 10.2
2. A prayer of thanksgiving – Psalm 118
3. A Prayer that God would heal the world of this virus and a prayer that God would direct our leaders & government
4. A prayer for Keyworkers
5. A prayer for teenagers
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## A prayer based on Luke 10:2. Lord of the harvest

Jesus said

*“The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest”.*

And so today we pray for that to happen in the mission fields where we find ourselves. Lord of the harvest: ***‘Send out labourer’s into your harvest’***

In the mission field of our works places:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest***

In the mission field of our homes:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest***

In the mission field of our local communities:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest***

In the mission field of our streets, amongst our neighbours:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest***

In the mission field of our friends and extended families:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest***

In the mission field on-line:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest’***

In the mission field of clubs, societies and organizations to which we belong:  
***Send out labourer’s into your harvest***

Lord in all of these places be with us,  
help us to be witnesses to your Good News  
and help us to point others to you.

**Amen**

## A prayer of thanksgiving: Psalm 118: 20-29

- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.
- Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.
- <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen**



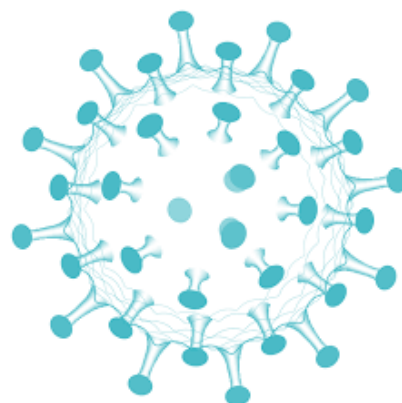
## **A Prayer that God would heal the world of this virus**

Father in heaven, creator and sustainer of all,  
You have created all things  
and have promised through the scriptures that everything will be remade.  
We cry out to you about the present COVID-19 pandemic  
and ask that you would lift it from the earth.

In particular we ask that you would change the virus  
so that the disease, illness and infirmity caused by it  
are removed from this world.

We ask this in Jesus' name

**Amen**



## **A prayer that God would direct our leaders & Government**

We pray for our leaders.

Lord give them wisdom when seeking the way forward.

Lord give them guidance when making decisions.

And Lord, give them sincerity in all things concerning those whom they serve.

We pray in your name Lord

**Amen**





### **A Prayer for key workers**

Lord God,

We give thanks for all key workers who have continued to work through this time.

For the Doctors and nurses and ambulance staff who care for the sick,  
both medically and emotionally.

For the hospital support staff who have kept hospitals functioning,  
keeping them clean and safe for patients.

For our care workers who lovingly look after our vulnerable and elderly.

For all men and women who work in post offices,  
transport, supermarkets and food distribution

and all those who have kept the country supplied with essentials.

We ask, Lord, that you protect them from illness whilst they go to work.

Give them the inner strength they need to meet the demands of their job.

Give them peace so they are not beset with worry  
for themselves and their families.

We ask you to bless them, O Lord,

as they bless us and make your presence known in their lives.

In Jesus name, we pray

**Amen**



## **A prayer for teenagers**

Father, we lift up our youth  
and the next generation from all over the world!  
Shine your truth into their hearts.  
May they hear you in music,  
see you in art and experience you  
through the love and care of family,  
friends and any grown up they encounter.  
Father give them your peace  
in this difficult and confusing time.  
Build your hope into their lives  
and sow your wisdom into their minds  
as they discover you through the Bible.  
May they all know Jesus truly as their best friend  
and may the next generation  
of your men and women know you always!  
**Amen**





### **A prayer for those with babies & toddlers**

Come Holy Spirit

Move in our homes.

Enter the houses where your youngest children and their families live.

We pray you find welcome there.

Move amongst our babies and toddlers,

sing over them Your lullabies of love.

Bring Your peace and joy.

May they feel Your presence,

know Your protection and come to recognise Your voice;

a voice they can trust, speaking words of life and light.

Be delighted by their praises of laughter and giggles

as they look around and see you

in the awe and wonder of Your creation.

Raise up a generation whose testimony

is that they have always known You,

and have always followed the plans You have for their lives.

We pray none will be lost, but all will be saved.

Good Shepherd, lead Your lambs.

“Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done“

**Amen**

## **A prayer for those who are self-isolating or 'shielding' due to the virus**

Father God, please comfort all those who are self-isolating or shielding at this time and are worried about the current situation. Give them hope and trust in You.

We ask that they will know that nothing is able to separate them from Your love, not even coronavirus.

We pray that they may feel Your presence, and the peace that only You can give.

We pray for all those who are self-isolating at this time, away from family and friends.

We pray for those who are shielding because of health conditions that would make them at very high risk of severe illness if they contracted coronavirus.

We pray that You keep them safe at this time.

We pray for those who live with their family members.

We pray for those with young families who find it hard to keep children happy at home all the time.

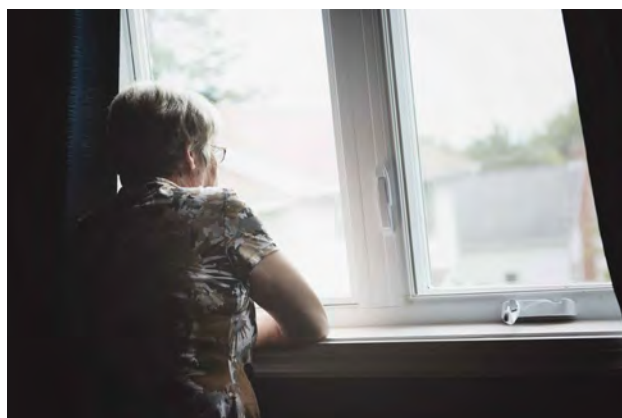
We pray that there will be patience, consideration and understanding of the needs of everyone in a confined space.

We pray for the family, friends and neighbours who help by bringing shopping, and for essential support workers for those shielding.

We pray that You will protect them all.

We pray for each one of us at this time that we will cling to Your promise that You are with us always

**Amen**





### **A prayer for those who single and living alone through this time**

God says in Psalm 46

*'God is our refuge and strength and ever present help in trouble.  
Therefore, we will not fear.'*

Father God,

We pray for the single people in our church and those who live alone.

May they know Your comforting presence

with them in their isolation and peace in their anxiety.

May God richly bless them

in whatever situation they find themselves in at this time.

May they know that they are not alone.

In Jesus name we ask this.

**Amen**

### **A Prayer for those who are sick**

Lord we pray for those who are sick at this time  
and feel like a shadow is over their lives;  
who don't quite feel themselves,  
whose energy levels are low and spirits feel even lower.  
Lord we pray they feel you are close to them  
for whatever treatment they are having.  
Lord we pray they will find complete comfort,  
strength in your love and know peace in their heart at this time.

**Amen**



### **A prayer for those who are bereaved**

Lord, we pray for those who have lost loved ones.  
Bring Your comfort to them in their sorrow  
and in Your loving compassion wipe away their tears from their eye.  
Lord, comfort them in their emptiest moments  
and fill them with light of Your compassionate love.  
Lord, we pray that the power of the Holy Spirit  
will bring healing to their broken hearts.

**Amen**

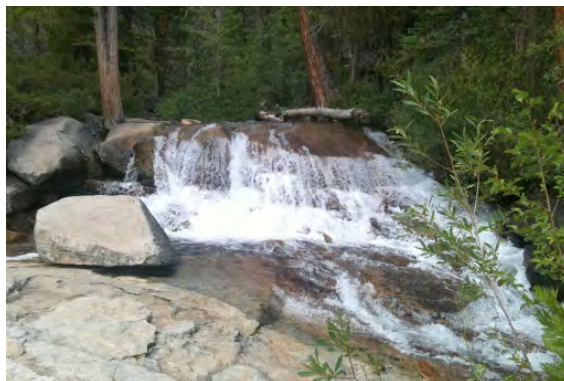




### **A prayer for primary school children**

Dear Lord, our gracious father  
be with us as we pray today.  
For all our primary and nursery children we pray.  
Be with each and every one of them today  
and always in these very unusual times of isolation  
and separation from friends and family.  
Fill their hearts with your love,  
their memories of this precious time with their families,  
either doing Jo Wicks together, baking, playing games,  
lots of drawing and painting, crafts,  
planting sunflowers or watching chrysalis grow.  
Let them remember this time as a happy one.  
In your precious name we pray.

**Amen**



### **A prayer for those struggling with their mental health**

Loving God, we pray for greater understanding, kindness and compassion, throughout our land and your world, for those who suffer the pain and anguish of tortured minds.

We pray for our Government and those in leadership that they would invest in services to provide help, support and guidance for all. We pray that, by your Spirit, you would strengthen and sustain those who work in mental health services of any kind.

We pray with thanks for the courage and the bravery of those, particularly in high profile positions, who are willing to make themselves vulnerable by saying “I struggle too”. Give us eyes to see the suffering in others, even silent suffering, and a willingness to reach out to show Your love and be bringers of hope.

Jesus we pray that you, who came to set the captives free, would free those suffering that they might live lives of peace and calm released from the dark night of the soul. Thank you that you are the light of the World. For all who do not know you we pray that they would come to see the freedom only you can give.

Help us to anchor in You and not be cast about on waves of despair. Let us be transformed by the renewing of our mind and seek your face, Your guiding, Your wisdom, putting our trust in You and not the things of this world. Thank you that the day will come when you will wipe away the tears from every eye and suffering will be no more. **Amen**



### **A prayer for those struggling to find work and living in poverty**

God of the poor we bring before you all those who are struggling with financial difficulties right now. Those who are anxious about paying their bills, finding it hard to put food on the table and may have mounting debts.

We pray they will have the strength to ask for help. We ask that you would bring them the advice and support they need and that they will be able to receive all the benefits and assistance they are entitled to.

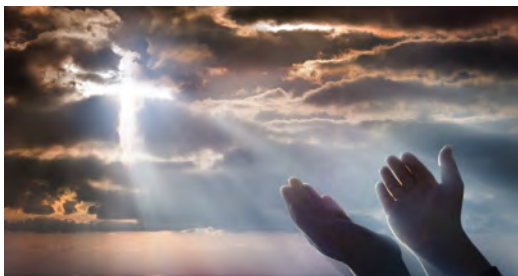
We bring before you all those who are looking for work right now. Please help them not to get discouraged and depressed. Please keep them positive and motivated. May they find suitable work.

We thank you for the work of Christians Against Poverty.

We pray for our Job Club and success with advertising, so that all those who need the help will hear about it. Please give members confidence and patience to work the IT to connect people. May they be an encouragement to each other, lift each other up and celebrate together when they find employment.

Please bless Bury CAP Debt Centre. Help them to continue to offer help under these difficult circumstances. Thank you for the fantastic work of Porch and the food bank at ROC. May they have the people and resources they need.

We know you have a heart for people who are struggling. Please help us to play our part. We bring these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**



### **A prayer of lament and of hope: Psalm 22: 1-3 & 25-31**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

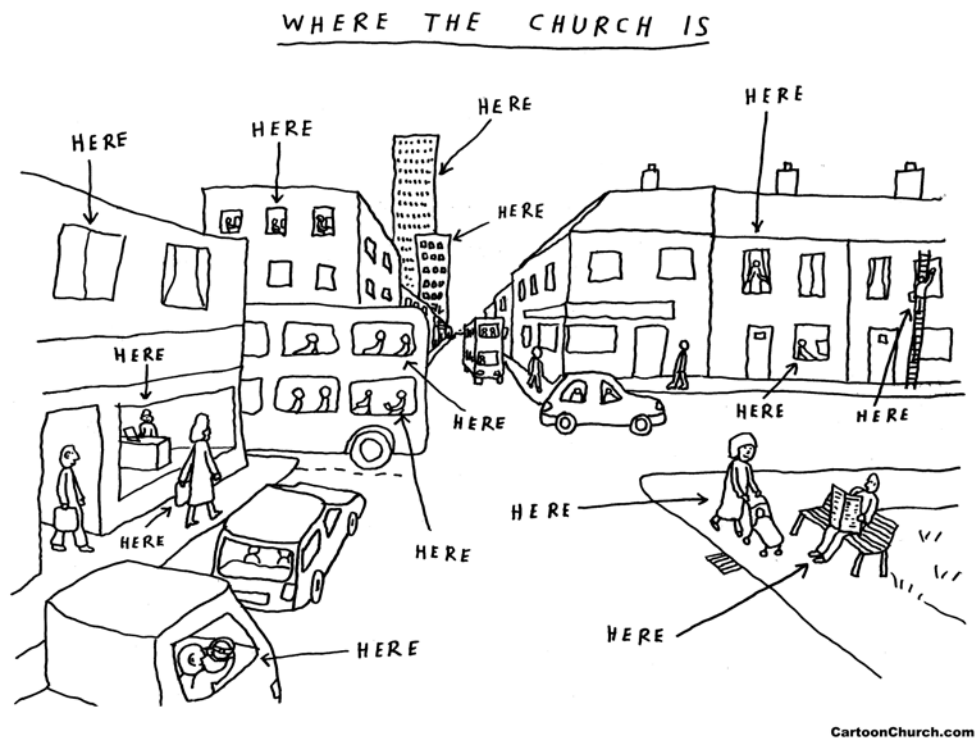
<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,

<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

**Amen**





## A Prayer for St Andrew's Church family

Father God,

We thank you that you have called and chosen us to be your children.

Thank you for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world  
and especially for our church family at St Andrew's.

Lord Jesus,

would you bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Would you help us to love, care and pray for one another.

Holy Spirit,

Would you guide us as a church family as we are apart  
that you would help us grow and that you would lead us  
into a beautiful and flourishing future.

In Jesus name we pray.

**Amen**

## **A Personal Prayer for healing and peace**

Loving God, I hold in your presence those who suffer pain and ill health... (*allow the names and faces of those you know to come to mind*)... May they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit... (*allow the names and faces of those you know to come to mind*)... may they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, I hold in your healing the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing hurt and division – including places of hurt and division in my own life... (*allow space*)... may they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those who experience grief and loss... (*allow space*)... may they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those who need wisdom for their next step... (*allow space*)... may they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those people and situations that seem broken beyond repair... (*allow space*)... may they know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence and peace those who needs are not known to me but who are known by you, and those for whom I have been asked to pray ... (*allow space*)... may they know the deep peace of Christ.

Glory to God, from whom all love flows,  
glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering,  
and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places.

**Amen**



**A Caim Prayer**  
(when we do not know what to pray)

Circle (*me/name*) Lord,  
Keep protection near,  
and danger afar.

Circle (*me/name*) Lord,  
Keep light near,  
and darkness afar.

Circle (*me/name*) Lord,  
Keep peace within.  
Keep evil out.

Circle (*me/name*) Lord,  
Keep hope within.  
Keep doubt without.  
May you be a bright flame before me.

May you be a guiding star above *me/name*.  
May you be a smooth path below *me/name*.  
And a loving Guide behind *me/name*.  
Today, tonight, and forever.

**Amen**

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