

Please pray ...

We pray for all who are ill, and for their families and friends,
for those who have contracted the coronavirus,
for those whose surgery, treatments or procedures have been postponed,
for those who are in hospital, nursing homes or in their own homes,
for those who cannot visit family and friends
for those who have been bereaved
for people's physical, emotional and spiritual health and wellbeing.

Please take a few moments to pray for people you know who are ill, who are grieving and for their families.

Lord, we pray for an awareness of your presence, that they will know your healing presence and power, your love and care, your comfort and strength and the support of others.

We pray for all health care professionals, and for their families and friends,
for those who work in hospitals, surgeries, hospices, nursing homes, and in the community,
for all who co-ordinate and all who provide assistance and support,
for the provision of the necessary protective equipment and resources,
for effective policies and procedures in caring for those who are ill.

Please take a few moments to pray for people you know who provide care and support and for their families

Lord, we pray for an awareness of your presence, that you will guide, sustain, strengthen and protect, those who provide care and support to others.

We pray for all who are self-isolating, for all who are working from home,
for those who are home schooling, for those who have been furloughed,
for those who have been made redundant, for those who are uncertain about the future,
for those who are anxious or apprehensive, for those who are struggling with temptation,
for those who are experiencing financial difficulties, for those living with other pressures and challenges,
for those who are contending with physical or emotional abuse or mistreatment.

Please take a few moments to pray for people you know who have particular needs and for their families.

Lord, we pray for an awareness of your presence, your love and care, for the support of others, and for the developing and deepening of faith, for wisdom, for strength and for support.

We pray for the PM, for government ministers and the NI executive,
for all who advise and assist them,
for all who make decisions about national policies,
for researchers analysing data and identifying trends,
for scientists working on a vaccine,
for those involved in providing essential services, supplies and support.

Please take a few moments to pray for people you know who have particular roles and responsibilities and for their families.

Lord, we pray for an awareness of your presence, for wisdom, insight and understanding.

Lord, we pray that you will deliver us from this pandemic, protect us and provide for us in these days, draw us closer to yourself, and develop and deepen our relationship with you. Amen

A prayer for our land

Almighty and merciful God, who in days of old didst give to this land the benediction of thy holy Church; withdraw not, we pray thee, thy favour from us, but so correct what is amiss, and supply what is lacking, that we may more and more bring forth fruit to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May the Lord bless us and keep us; may the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen

As we continue in this Easter season,
thank God that Christ has died and Christ has risen!

As we look forward to Ascension Thursday (21st May),
thank God that Christ has ascended and Christ will come again!

As we look forward to Pentecost (Sunday 31st May)
when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first followers of Jesus
(Acts 2:1-41) thank God for the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach us and will remind us of what Jesus said
and did. (John 14:26)

Come Holy Spirit and remind us what the Bible says.

Lord, teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, of God's righteousness,
and of the coming judgment. (John 16:8-11)

Come Holy Spirit and remind us what the Bible says.

Lord, we pray for repentance and a returning to you, for restoration and renewal.

Pray that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, will guide us into all the truth.
(John 16:13)

Come Holy Spirit and remind us what the Bible says.

*Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit will help us understand and respond to the
truth of God's word.*

Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower and equip the people of God to be
witnesses for Christ. (Acts 1:8)

Come Holy Spirit and remind us what the Bible says.

*Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire, empower and equip your people
to be witnesses for you.*

Pray that the Holy Spirit will give followers of Christ the Spirit of wisdom and
revelation, so that they may know him better. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

Come Holy Spirit and remind us what the Bible says.

*Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit will give your people wisdom and
understanding that they will know you better and live faithfully for you.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by
the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen. (Romans 15:13)