

PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.
Tonight we pray especially for (family or friends)
and the people of (country or place).
Please give skill and wisdom
to all who are caring for them.

Amen

Psalm 31 v 1-5

1. In you O lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me: in your righteousness.
2. Incline your ear to hear me; make hast to deliver me.
3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
4. Take me out f the net they have secretly set for me; for you are my tower of strength.
5. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have re-deemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Deuteronomy 33 v 27

The eternal God is our refuge; and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger;
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Amen**

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right
medicines to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe

Amen

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the night.
You are with me when I'm happy
and when I'm sad.
You are with me when I'm healthy
and when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful
and when I am worried.
Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)*
because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.
Help me to remember that you love me
and are with me in everything today.

Amen

Psalm 91

1. Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
2. Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my
stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'
3. For he shall deliver you from the snare of the
fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
5. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
6. Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
7. Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.
8. Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.
9. Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
10. There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.
11. For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
12. They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13. You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent
you shall trample underfoot.
14. Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.
15. They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
16. With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

Amen