



PRAYER FOR THE NATION

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown.

The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6pm each day.

These prayers and themes are offered as tools to enable all to participate and are intended simply as suggestions.

Loving God, at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength, our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Loving Father God
Be with us in our distress:
with our families, friends and neighbours,
our country and our world.
Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful,
and comfort to the mourners.
Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers,
insight to our government
and patience to us all;
Overcome disease with the power of your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Daily Themes

Sunday

Family, friends and loved ones

We lift to God those we hold in our hearts
praying for their health,
their well-being and their sense of hope.
We pray that even when loved ones
cannot physically be together they would not feel apart.
We ask for God's help in our communicating,
our connecting and our caring.

Monday

Schools and colleges, children and young people

We pray for all those involved in the shaping of young lives.
We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers
and all those involved in serving children
and young people in education.

We pray that all might be
nurtured and cared for
and that every needful resource would be made available
that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times
and that no-one would be overlooked.

Tuesday

Elderly, isolated and vulnerable

We echo God's commitment to those most at risk of this virus

by praying today for those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated: praying for their deliverance, protection and comfort.

We hold before God those who care for them,
that they would be strengthened and encouraged in this work.

Wednesday

Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing

In this time of great challenge,
we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country.

We remember before God
those who face great uncertainty in their work.

We lift before God
those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future.
We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.

Thursday

The NHS and other key workers

Our God is the great healer
and the agent used more than any other is the NHS.
Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve this country
in the National Health Service
and pray for that God would prosper the work of their hands,
that they would all be encouraged
in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

Friday

National and Local government

We pray for those who are
in positions of authority
with responsibility for decision making
at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that God would give great wisdom, deep
commitment to all and right judgment.

Saturday
*All who are grieving, and all suffering
with physical and mental ill-health*

'Lord the one you love is ill....' John 11 v 3

We bring to God all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief. We ask that in God's great loving kindness they might know God's sustaining presence amidst their pain.
We pray for those who are stretched beyond their own capacity to cope and remain hopeful – that in the roar of these waterfalls God would bring a sense of coherence, comfort and strength.

A Grace

Dear God,
We are grateful for all that you have given to us
this food, each other and our health.

We pray for those who lack these things we enjoy.
Give us thank full hearts and opportunities
to share your gifts with others.

We lift before you this country in these difficult days
and pray you would protect us,
encourage us and keep us. Amen.

A Family Prayer

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.
We thank you that we can come to you as we are,
with all our fears and concerns,
our difficulties and challenges.
Please draw close to each of us
and those we remember before you now.
Bring to us your peace and comfort.
And fill us with your Spirit
that we may be bearers
of your grace and hope to others.
As a country protect us,
encourage us and keep us.
In the name of your Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

Prayers for the nation

Lord Jesus Christ,
In these dark and difficult days
we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again we pray.
Give Wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders.
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS
and all our frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to children
and the elderly and all who grieve.
Lord, Jesus Christ.
In these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,
have mercy upon us, and heal our land we pray. Amen

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ came
that we might have life and have it abundantly;
pour out your blessing upon our nation;
where there is illness,
bring your healing touch;
where there is fear,
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;
where there is uncertainty,
build us up in faith;
where there is dishonesty, lead us into truth;
where there is discord,
may we know the harmony of your love;
this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.