# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

# Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation

• Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation

• Psalm 46 Be still, and know that I am God.

• Psalm 91 He shall cover you with His wings

• Psalm 139 O Lord, You have searched me out and known me

• Isaiah 43 (esp v1-7) Do not fear, for I am with you

John 14 Do not let your hearts be troubled

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

From St Patrick's Breastplate

# Prayers for use during this troubled time

# A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of Your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in Your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### For those in isolation

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through Him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with You in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### For those who are worried

Loving Jesus, You are compassionate to those in need and heal the sick in body and mind.

Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.

Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions that separate us from You. Give us grace to live our lives confident in your promise that You are with us always. Amen.

#### Intercession

We pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety: For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery: Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions: Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know Your comfort and peace: Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

"Cast all your anxiety on the Lord, because he cares for you." 1 Peter chapter 5 verse 7

# Prayers for when you can't get to church

Lord Jesus Christ, You said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to You. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in Your care. 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. Many people are anxious because of it. Many people are anxious that they might get ill. Many people are anxious about their family and friends. Be with them in their worries and help them to find some peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists who are working to discover the right medicines to give hope to those who are ill. Thank you that even in these strange and worrying times, You are with us. Help us to look for the signs of Your goodness and love towards us. 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 anxious. 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.