

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.**

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to
hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored
to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate
me from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

May God bless us
And show us compassion and mercy. **Amen.**

Praying Together when sickness is near

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Be with us, living God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
Fill us with your saving power.

Speak to us, wisdom of God;
Bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

**O magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.

**O magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt his name together.**

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;
He heard me and saved me from my troubles.

**O magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt his name together.**

From Psalm 34

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

*Bible readings can be found on the
church website, Facebook page
or Link newssheet.*

*Read them out loud
then finish with this response:*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticles

Psalm 103.8-18

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear
him.

For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

The merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments to do them.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Hosea 6.1-6

Come, let us return to the Lord
who has torn us and will heal us.

God has stricken us
and will bind up our wounds.

After two days, he will revive us,
and on the third day will raise us up,
that we may live in his presence.

Let us strive to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.

He will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.

'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you?
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?

'Your love for me is like the morning mist,
like the dew that goes early away.

'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.

'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice,
and the knowledge of God
rather than burnt offerings.'

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers

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.**

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.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake. **Amen.**