

# *Diocesan Day of Prayer & Fasting:*

## *Prayer Resources*

*Thursday, March 26, 2020*



*While we offer set prayers, feel free to say your own prayers in the morning, at noon and in the evening.*

### Morning Prayers, 9 a.m.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
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**

[\*\(Church of England\)\*](#)

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.**

[\*\(Church of England\)\*](#)

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.**

*(Church of England)*

Jesus, during your ministry on Earth you showed your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

**Amen.**

*(World Vision)*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*(The Jesus Prayer)*

### **A prayer with a child**

Dear God, (name of person) is ill.

I'm sad because I miss them. They must be feeling miserable and lonely, as well. Please be close to them. Please be with the people who are looking after them. Please help them to get better and to know that you love them. Amen.

*(Adapted from a Church of England prayer)*

Compassionate God, you know the pain of your people, we pray that your healing waters will flow all over the earth. We hold before you those who are suffering because of COVID-19; those without homes or jobs; those with disease of body, mind or spirit; those who hold onto vengeful, hurtful feeling. We pray especially for (list names). In the coming week, strengthen us to reach out to those in need. Amen.

*(Adapted from an ELCIC prayer)*

Noon Prayers, 12 p.m.

## **The Great Litany**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth : have mercy upon us.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us.

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O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful : have mercy upon us.

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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us.

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Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all uncleanness in thought, word, and deed; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all sedition, conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; by thy sending of the Holy Spirit; by thy heavenly Intercession; and by thy Coming again in glory,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in holiness of life, and in devotion to her people, thy servant Elizabeth, our most gracious Queen and Governor, and all the Royal Family  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To give to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To send forth labourers into thy harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Spirit; to make thy saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten thy kingdom,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To bless the people of our Country and the Commonwealth, and to endue those set in authority with grace, wisdom, and understanding,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To bless and guide the judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To bless and keep the Queen's forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, that they may serve thee without fear,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To bless and protect all who serve humankind by their labour and learning,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To preserve all that travel, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To defend, and provide for, all widows and orphans, and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To bless and keep all thy people,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To strengthen such as do stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To have mercy upon all people,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

To give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
**We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;  
**Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*(Book of Common Prayer)*

## **A Litany of Resistance**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**Have mercy on us**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**Free us from the bondage of sin and death**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

**Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.**

For the victims of war

**Have mercy**

Women, men and children

**Have mercy**

The maimed and the crippled

**Have mercy**

The abandoned and the homeless

**Have mercy**

the imprisoned and the tortured

**Have mercy**

The widowed and the orphaned

**Have mercy**

The bleeding and the dying

**Have mercy**

The weary and the desperate

**Have mercy**

The lost and the forsaken

**Have mercy**

O God — Have mercy on us sinners

**Forgive us for we know not what we do**

For our scorched and blackened earth

**Forgive us**

For the scandal of billions wasted in war

**Forgive us**

For our arms makers and arms dealers

**Forgive us**

For our Caesars and Herods

**Forgive us**

For the violence that is rooted in our hearts

**Forgive us**

For the times we turn others into enemies

**Forgive us**

Deliver us, O God

**Guide our feet into the way of peace**

Hear our prayer.

**Grant us peace.**

From the arrogance of power

**Deliver us**

From the myth of redemptive violence

**Deliver us**

From the tyranny of greed

**Deliver us**

From the ugliness of racism

**Deliver us**

From the cancer of hatred

**Deliver us**

From the seduction of wealth

**Deliver us**

From the addiction of control

**Deliver us**

From the idolatry of nationalism

**Deliver us**

From the paralysis of cynicism

**Deliver us**

From the violence of apathy

**Deliver us**

From the ghettos of poverty

**Deliver us**

From the ghettos of wealth

**Deliver us**

From a lack of imagination

**Deliver us**

Deliver us, O God

**Guide our feet into the way of peace**

We will not conform to the patterns of this world

**Let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds**

With the help of God's grace

**Let us resist evil wherever we find it**

With the waging of war

**We will not comply**

With the legalization of murder

**We will not comply**

With the slaughter of innocents

**We will not comply**

With laws that betray human life

**We will not comply**

With the destruction of community

**We will not comply**

With the pointing finger and malicious talk

**We will not comply**

With the idea that happiness must be purchased

**We will not comply**

With the ravaging of the earth

**We will not comply**

With principalities and powers that oppress

**We will not comply**

With the destruction of peoples

**We will not comply**

With the raping of women

**We will not comply**

With governments that kill

**We will not comply**

With the theology of empire

**We will not comply**

With the business of militarism

**We will not comply**

With the hoarding of riches

**We will not comply**

With the dissemination of fear

**We will not comply**

Today we pledge our ultimate allegiance... to the Kingdom of God

**We pledge allegiance**

To a peace that is not like Rome's

**We pledge allegiance**

To the Gospel of enemy love

**We pledge allegiance**

To the Kingdom of the poor and broken

**We pledge allegiance**

To a King that loves his enemies so much he died for them

**We pledge allegiance**

To the least of these, with whom Christ dwells

**We pledge allegiance**

To the transnational Church that transcends the artificial borders of nations

**We pledge allegiance**

To the refugee of Nazareth

**We pledge allegiance**

To the homeless rabbi who had no place to lay his head



**We pledge allegiance**

To the cross rather than the sword

**We pledge allegiance**

To the banner of love above any flag

**We pledge allegiance**

To the one who rules with a towel rather than an iron fist

**We pledge allegiance**

To the one who rides a donkey rather than a war-horse

**We pledge allegiance**

To the revolution that sets both oppressed and oppressors free

**We pledge allegiance**

To the Way that leads to life

**We pledge allegiance**

To the Slaughtered Lamb

**We pledge allegiance**

And together we proclaim his praises, from the margins of the empire to the centres of wealth and power

**Long Live the Slaughtered Lamb**

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*([Empire Remixed](#))*

Evening Prayers, 7 p.m.

*We invite you to light a candle in your home as you pray.*

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

**Amen.**

*([Church of England](#))*

Spirit of compassion, fill our hearts and give us peace. Give us strength to care for those around us even as we may be physically separated. Deepen our sense of compassion even in the midst of our anxiety. Keep us mindful of the many other needs in the world – conflicts, refugees, poverty, and many other illnesses besides the coronavirus – and all other concerns we name before you now. We pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

*(Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)*

Be present, O merciful God,  
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,  
so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world  
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Church of England compline)*

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.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

**Amen.**

*(Church of England compline)*