

**For the Christian community**

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.

*Pray for your family and friends  
Pray for the vulnerable and disadvantaged  
Pray for your Community of Faith  
Pray for your town and Community  
Pray for the Nation  
For our Prime Minister and Government  
Pray for God's world*



*Praying at Home*

**Prayer for a Pandemic**  
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May we who are merely inconvenienced,  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose  
between preserving their health or making their rent.

May those who have the flexibility  
to care for our children when schools close  
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel trip  
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.

May those who settle for quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love during this time  
when we cannot physically wrap  
our arms around each other  
let us find ways to be the loving embrace  
to God and our neighbour.

**Amen.**

## Prayers about the 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.**

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.**

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 ill

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.**