

Live-stream Morning Prayer Intercessions via Christ Church Alsager Facebook

Almighty God and Father of us all, we pray for all world leaders, our government, our Queen and all in positions of authority and responsibility facing such challenges at this time of crisis. Lord of all wisdom and discernment, we ask that you will bless our leaders. Guide them as they make difficult decisions, surround them with wise counsel and help them to remember the most vulnerable.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and restored the dead to life, we pray for all on the frontline of healthcare, working to alleviate the effects of the coronavirus and supporting the vulnerable. We ask you to bless and strengthen all doctors, surgeons, nurses, paramedics, healthcare workers and medical researchers, every GP surgery and pharmacy. We pray for the homeless and all who are working hard to find homes for them. We pray for all social workers, and the children and young people in their care. We pray for all care workers and the older people they look after. Protect them by the power of your name, give them resources of energy and understanding, and uphold their families as they comfort and tend the sick and vulnerable. Jesus, in your mighty name we ask that you will provide breakthrough in the provision of a vaccine and medication against this virus.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Holy Spirit, comforter, counsellor and bringer of peace, we pray for all who are unwell with the coronavirus and all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those whose surgery has been postponed. Thank you that for those whose families can't be with them, they are not alone because you are there. Breath of God, we ask you to come in power and bring healing to the sick, peace to the anxious and the comfort of your presence to those who are fearful of the what the future may bring and to those who are most vulnerable, self-isolating or alone. Especially we ask for your consolation for all who mourn the loss of loved ones in such difficult circumstances.

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God our creator and provider, we thank you for our fruitful and abundant planet. At this time of challenge we pray for all who work to provide food to the nation, from the farm to the fork, for all farmers and growers, manufacturers, processors, delivery drivers and shop workers. Thank you for all they are doing and that there is enough for everyone's need. Help us, as we shop, to remember the needs of others and to appreciate all who have worked long hours to enable us to eat. Thank you for all who are shopping for those in isolation or shielding and bless their acts of kindness.

Lord in you mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, in your earthly life you worked as a carpenter, we pray for all whose work has been drastically changed and all who cannot work. We pray too for all employers and self-employed trying to keep their businesses going in such difficult times. We pray that government support will get to where it needs to be. We ask for your spirit of generosity and grace to abound, resources be shared, new plans created, and burdens lifted.

Lord in you mercy

Hear our prayer

Holy Spirit, giver of gifts and talents, we pray for our children and young people and their families as they are restricted in where they can go and what they can do. Bless their homes with your peace and patience. We know that not every home is a place of love and comfort, and so we pray for all who live under the threat of abuse of any kind, asking you to be their shield and protection at this time. Lord Spirit we ask you to pour out your gifts of imagination and creativity to find new safe ways of staying in touch and sharing news. We pray for those continuing to teach and take care of the children of our key workers, that they will be kept safe, new friendships may be forged and new ways of learning explored.

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And so we gather all our prayers together, those that have been spoken, and the silent ones we've said in our hearts, bringing before God every family represented here in our community in Alsager and online as we say together the family prayer that Jesus taught us

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation

Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength.
Psalm 91 He shall cover you with his wings
Psalm 139 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me
Proverbs 3 v 5 & 6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
Isaiah 26 v 3 & 4 God will keep you perfect peace
Isaiah 43 I have called you by name
Matt 6 v 25 – 34 Do not worry about your life, God cares for you.
Luke 1 v 37 Nothing is impossible with God.
John 14 Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God.
Romans 8 v 28 In all things God works for the good of those who love him
Phil. 4 v 4 – 8 God's peace will guard your hearts

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Personal Prayers

A prayer to begin the day

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

Before going to sleep

God our Father, by whose mercy

the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:

we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,

our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,

knowing that you continue your work to bless us.

To your love and protection we commit each other and all those we love,

knowing that you alone are our sure defender,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A prayer when we feel alone

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)

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