



Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

## Prayers for use at home

### Personal Prayers

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.

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*

I am giving you worship with all my life,  
I am giving you obedience with all my power,  
I am giving you praise with all my strength,  
I am giving you honour with all my speech.  
I am giving you love with all my heart,  
I am giving you affection with all my sense,

I am giving you my being with all my mind,  
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.  
Praise to the Father,  
Praise to the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit,  
The Three in One.

*adapted from Alexander Carmichael, Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

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

*The Jesus Prayer*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship*

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,  
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,  
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,  
we may always be defended by your gracious help,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship*

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*St Benedict*

### **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 only what you bless will prosper.  
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.

*Church of South India*

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.

### **Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Never permit me to be parted from you.  
From the evil Enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
and bid me come to thee,  
that with your saints I may praise thee  
for age upon age.  
Amen.

## **Prayer from the URC**

As so much is re-shaped by Coronavirus Covid-19, let us pray with people left unwell, beckoned by death or bereaved; people providing professional health care and advice, looking after loved ones at home or working to create treatments and cures; people shaping the response of nations and neighbourhoods, of commerce and industry, of service and voluntary organisations and of communities of faith; people who are anxious or afraid, alone or isolated.

Living, loving God, we praise you, and through times of peril we lean into you, for in Jesus Christ you have trodden paths as difficult as ours, revealing there a love that nothing defeats, a love that bears us through. Even as we strive to behave responsibly, and to care reliably, so we feel after you that in these uncertain times we might trust you are with us, our refuge and strength, and our faith, hope and love might be renewed, through Jesus Christ, 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.

## **A prayer for people who are infected or facing quarantine.**

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

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