



## Daily themes for intercession in this time of pandemic

<b>Sunday - Family, friends and loved ones</b>	
<p>We lift to God those we hold in our hearts – praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope.</p> <p>We pray that even when loved ones cannot physically be together they would not feel apart.</p> <p>We ask for God’s help in our communicating and our caring.</p>	<p><i>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</i></p>
<b>Monday - Schools and colleges, children and young people</b>	
<p>We pray for all involved in the shaping of young lives.</p> <p>We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and those who serve children and young people in education.</p> <p>We pray that all might be nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available so that all lives can flourish in these difficult times.</p>	<p><i>O eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. Help all young people to know you as a constant presence through all challenges and changes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>
<b>Tuesday - Elderly, isolated and vulnerable</b>	
<p>We pray today for those most at risk of this virus, for those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated, for their deliverance, protection and comfort.</p> <p>We hold before God those who care for them – that they would be strengthened and encouraged in this work.</p>	<p><i>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</i></p>
<b>Wednesday - Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing</b>	
<p>We pray for the economic wellbeing of this and every country.</p> <p>We remember before God those who face great uncertainty in their work, those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future.</p> <p>We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.</p>	<p><i>Almighty God, be with your people where they work; make those who carry on industries and commerce responsive to your will and to the needs of others. Remember those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work, and guide leaders to make wise decisions for the well-being of all in our societies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>
<b>Thursday - The health services, medical professionals and other key workers</b>	
<p>Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve as health professionals.</p> <p>We pray that God would prosper the work of their hands that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.</p>	<p><i>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 Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>
<b>Friday – National, regional and local governments</b>	
<p>We pray for those who are in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making in the life of the nations at this difficult time.</p> <p>We ask that God would give great wisdom, deep commitment to all and right judgement.</p>	<p><i>Lord, bless the leaders of our nations. Help them to contribute to wise decisions for the common good. Strengthen those who seek equality for all so that we may build communities and nations of justice and peace, where your will may be done. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>
<b>Saturday - All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health</b>	
<p>We bring to God all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief.</p> <p>We ask that in God’s great loving kindness they might know God’s sustaining presence amidst their pain.</p>	<p><i>Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in any kind of pain or distress, 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>