

# Prayers for our time

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## Faith in God's help and support

In our fear, Lord,  
be our confidence.  
In our weakness  
be our strength.  
In our panic  
be our calm.  
In our sickness  
be our healing.  
In our confusion  
be our anchor.  
In our insecurity  
be our rock.  
In our darkness  
be our light.  
In our grief  
be our solace.  
In our despair  
be our hope.  
In our storm  
be our sunshine.  
In our night  
be our day.

**Amen.**

## For those who face threats to their health as an ever-present reality

This crisis has brought us up short, Lord  
overturning our way of life,  
shattering our security  
leaving us feeling  
vulnerable, scared, alone –  
fearful for our welfare  
fearful of the future.  
Help us to remember that for  
many in our world,  
this is not the exception but the  
norm  
thousands having grown used to  
living with the constant threat of  
disease –  
Malaria  
Ebola  
Zika virus  
Cholera  
Dengue fever  
to name but some.  
Help us, through what we are  
wrestling with now  
to understand and empathise  
with what too many wrestle with  
repeatedly  
to realise how fortunate we have  
been  
and to resolve to help build a  
fairer more caring world for all.

**Amen.**

## Trust in God's transforming love

In our darkness, Lord,  
be our light.  
In our despondency  
be our hope.  
In our dread  
be our assurance.  
In our isolation  
be our companion.  
In our need  
be our provider.  
In our confusion  
be our lodestar.  
In our brokenness  
be our healing.  
In our sorrow  
be our joy.  
Reach out to us, Lord, in this time  
of need  
and be our all.

**Amen.**

## Lord of all

Lord of all  
the delight of those who glimpse you  
the joy of those who love you  
the peace of those who serve you  
the contentment of those who serve you  
the strength of those who seek you  
the guide of those who hear you  
the hope of those who trust you  
the light of those who know you  
the treasure of those who follow you.  
Draw closer to me  
that I may draw closer to you.

**Amen.**

## Seeking God's peace

Breathe your peace within me,  
Lord  
peace such as only you can give.  
When I fret about tomorrow,  
when I worry about my loved ones  
when I question whether I can cope  
when my stomach feels knotted  
and panic rises within me  
help me to hear your still small voice  
rebuking the wind and waves  
stilling the storm  
calming the roiling waves  
and in place of turmoil bring tranquillity  
in place of chaos, quietness  
in place of a troubled, anxious spirit  
rest for my soul.

**Amen.**

## For victims of Covid-19 and for signs of hope

*A prayer the countless victims of Coronavirus – in some sense, essentially all of us – and for the possibility that an end to the pandemic and its associated crisis may perhaps be in sight in the months ahead.*

God of mercy  
hear our prayer for all those whose lives during this past year have been overturned by Covid-19;  
those who have suffered and those who still struggle with the after-effects of the illness;  
those who have lost loved ones as a result;

those in our hospitals and health centres exhausted by the demands made upon them;  
those in our nursing and residential homes who have been so vulnerable yet who have felt so isolated;

those who have developed vaccines and treatments or who continue to work upon them  
and those whose job it is to organise and roll out the vaccination programme;  
those in governments and positions in leadership seeking to take right decisions for the present and the future;

those whose livelihoods have been undermined even destroyed by the economic impact of lockdowns and the like;  
those facing years of unemployment and an uncertain future as a result of the pandemic's impact.

Our country  
our society  
our world  
is broken – hurting  
but hoping;  
fearful of the future  
yet praying for a miracle.

Hear our prayer  
and, in your love  
pick us up  
and put us together again.

**Amen.**

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