

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.**

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.**

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the  
life. The one who believes in me will live, even  
though they die; and whoever lives by believing  
in me will never die. **John 11:25-26**

God is our refuge in times of trouble,  
keeping our feet steady upon the road,  
watching over us and keeping us from harm.

God is our fortress in times of distress,  
circling us in the safety of his arms,  
granting peace when our lives are not at ease.

God is our Father who knows us so well,  
wanting only the best for his children,  
willing always to forgive and forget.

Where does our help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord,  
maker of heaven and earth! Hallelujah!

**Amen**

We give thanks to you, Lord,  
for you have done marvellous things!  
When we were walking in darkness  
you were there, you were there,  
when we were kneeling in weakness  
you were there, you were there,  
when we drew near feeling worthless  
you were there, you were there,  
when we were needing forgiveness  
you were there, you were there,  
when we were searching for your grace  
you were there, you were there.

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If you have any suggested items for inclusion  
in the May Prayer Diary, please pass these to  
Faith Truran by 20<sup>th</sup> April.

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# Prayer Diary

April 2020



St Bartholomew's  
Church

And God raised the Lord  
and will also raise us up  
by his power.

1 Corinthians 6:14

**He is not here; he has risen!**

Luke 24:6-7

**April 2020**

Let us pray

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>: for our world facing the spread of the **Coronavirus** across the world.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: for those we know in **total isolation** or alone during these scary times.

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>: for **the bereaved** unable to mourn fully due to the restrictions.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>: for **Paul and Nicci, Dave, Ian and Mary** and their families during these troubled times.

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>: for ourselves celebrating **Palm Sunday** and as **Holy Week** begins.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: for **the Christian response** to this crisis both here in our community and across the world.

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: for **the homeless** at this difficult and frightening time.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: for **the elderly in total lockdown** in their homes; for their families unable to visit.

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: for **NHS staff and volunteers**.

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>: for **ourselves** as we contemplate **the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross**.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>: for **Christians in Israel and Palestine** celebrating Easter in the shadow of Judaism and Islam.

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen today.

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: for **the environment** as spring unfolds.

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Beanhill Road** in Ducklington.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: for **those preparing for marriage** in these times of uncertainty.

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>: for those in lockdown still effected by **the flooding in Wales**.

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>: for those worried about the **financial effects of the lockdown** on their families and businesses.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: for **everyone working** to keep us supplied with **food and necessities**.

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world.

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>: for **Christians in the Middle East** persecuted by Muslim communities.

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: for the **Street Pastors in Witney**, for more volunteers for when the lock down ends.

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: for **cancer sufferers and their families** facing uncertainty of treatment and outcomes.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>: for everyone living on **Beanhill Close** in Ducklington.

Frid 24<sup>th</sup>: for **the government** dealing with Brexit as well as the coronavirus.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>: for our **Royal Family**, particularly the Queen and Prince Phillip.

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: for **Bishop Steven** leading our diocese and especially **Bishop Colin** as he approaches retirement.

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Chalcroft Close** in Ducklington.

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>: for the **worried and stressed**, for those suffering from **mental illness**.

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>: for the safe keeping of all our **doctors and nurses**.

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>: for the **scientists** searching for a **vaccine** for coronavirus.

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Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**