

A Prayer for those affected by Corona Virus:

God of healing and hope,
In Jesus you meet us
in our places of pain and fear.

Look with mercy on those
Who have contracted the
New virus, on any who are
Vulnerable, and on all who
Feel in danger.

Through this time of global
Concern, by your Holy Spirit
Bring out the best
not the worst in us.

Make us more aware of our
Interdependence on each other,
And of the strength
That comes from being
One body in you.

Through Christ our wounded healer
Amen

(Rev Sam Wells)



Blackbourne Team Ministry

A Service of worship in isolation

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Keep a short silence, still your heart.

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together,
Across the miles yet joined.

Let us pray:
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against
you. We are not worthy to be called your
children. We turn to you again, have mercy on
us, bring us back to yourself as those who once
were dead but now have life through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Absolution: May the Father forgive us by the death
of the Son, and strengthen us to live in the power
of The Spirit all our days. Amen.

*Read the bible readings for today and spend a little
time thinking about what it means for you.*

Together we affirm our shared faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.



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On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

We intercede for others in the quiet of our hearts:

Lord, meet us in the silence
And hear our prayer.

Silence for prayer is kept:

- *Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you*
- *Pray for others in their loneliness*
- *Pray for our country*
- *Pray for the world*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Silence is kept

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

I Corinthians 11:23-25:

On the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it

and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Spend a little time remembering Jesus's mighty resurrection and glorious ascension as we wait for his coming again.

Father, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;
And as you have fed us with your presence,
so make us one in heart and mind.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

If you are living out your faith in your isolation, why not telephone someone, to let them know that they are not alone?

"For God has said, 'I will not leave you or forsake you' so we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.'" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Please God, we can meet together in church again soon.