

Prayers

For using at home while public worship
is suspended. March 2020 onwards.

The Preparation

A candle may be lit. (See back page)

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

In The Morning

Blessed are you, creator of all,
To you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
Bringing light and life to all creation,
May we rejoice in this day you have made:
As we wake from sleep open our eyes to behold your presence
And strengthen our hands to do your will,
That all may have hope and give you praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

In The Evening

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night;
To you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise
To reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ the darkness has been overcome
That we may walk as children of light.
Blessed be God for ever.

Verses from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills but where shall I find help?
My help comes from the Lord
Who has made heaven and earth.
The Lord will defend you from all evil:
It is he who will guard your life.
The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
From this time forward for evermore.

Bible Verses

Jeremiah 14:9

“You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God.”

John 1:5

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 6:38-39

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.”

Hymn (See over the page)

Prayers

We make our personal prayers. This prayer has been produced by the Church of England for using during the Coronavirus outbreak:

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 all may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen.

From the Hymn “We are not our own” by Brian Wren

We are not our own, Earth forms us,
Human leaves on nature’s growing vine,
Fruit of many generations
Seeds of life divine.

We are not alone, Earth names us:
Past and present, peoples near and far,
Family and friends and strangers
Show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us:
Dying, living, love is fully known,
And in bread and wine reminds us;
We are not alone

And if love’s encounter leads us
On a way uncertain and unknown,
All the saints with prayer surround us:
We are not alone.

When Lighting a Candle by Ruth Burgess

Lighting a candle is an act of defiance.

Lighting a candle is a prayer for courage.

Lighting a candle is a step towards God.

Out in the world where You are, where I live,

Help me today to light a candle,

A candle of love, of life, of hope.