

PRAYER at noon

during the Coronavirus Pandemic

We invite you to join with us and say these prayers wherever you are at noon each day, to pray for our town and our world.

We invite you to say these prayers slowly and reflectively. Take a moment to be still in the Lord's presence. Choose to give this time completely to Him.

Be still and know that I am God.

(Psalm 46:10a NLT)

My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

(Psalm 18:2)

We come to You as the sun rides high

To pause and give You glory.

We invite You into the middle of our day.

May Your rest be upon us.

Come Holy Spirit.

We hand every burden over to You now and thank You for Your prevailing peace.

My soul finds rest in God; My hope comes from him.

He is my rock and my salvation, he is my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart to him;

for God is our refuge.

(Psalm 62:5-8)

Now be still and hand any thoughts, cares or concerns over to the Lord and invite Him to be Lord over the situation.

**Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to protect us from the spread of the coronavirus.
You are powerful and merciful; let this be our prayer -**

**“Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will
take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.” (Psalm
57:1)**

**Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care,
Those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to
hold us safe.
Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength**

Pause to lift up individuals who are ill to God in the silence...

**God of compassion, be close to those who are afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light**

Pause to lift up to God those on your heart who are isolated or anxious...

**Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the
sick, and supernatural insight to those searching for a cure.
Give wisdom to leaders across the globe that they may make the right
decisions and lead wisely at this time**

Pause to lift up individual leaders or health workers to God...

**Father of all, we come before you as your church. May we be the church you
call us to be in this season. May we shine like a beacon of hope and love to our
communities, and may you strengthen us, corporately and individually, to
minister your grace and love at this time.**

**Pause to lift up the churches of Malvern and their leaders, and the national and global
church and their leaders at this time...**

**We offer you our prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A Blessing prayer for Malvern:

In the name of Jesus, we bless the town of Malvern and its people at this time. We bless all the relationships in this town – marriages, families, neighbours, work colleagues & friendships - that they will be strong and whole. We bless you that there may be peace and love, care and understanding flowing between all in these challenging days.

We bless the businesses, the community organisations, the health services, the care homes, those working with young people, the churches.

We bless you that together, we may support and serve each other.

In the name of Jesus, we bless the town of Malvern that we will be delivered from this virus and that in these months, hearts will be softened towards God and drawn towards him. We bless you that Kingdom values will flourish afresh, and that hearts will be transformed and aligned with God's heart for our communities and our neighbours.

We bless all who live and work here, that all the blessings of the presence of the Kingdom of God may fall upon you.

Amen.

O Lord, our Lord,

How majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

(Psalm 8:1 ESV)

Pause as you lift the nations of the world to the Lord as He brings them to mind. Pray in all of this, that His name will be exalted.

In the silence lift up anything else you feel drawn to pray for today...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

**Christ, as a light
lead and guide us.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow us.
Christ under us;
Christ over us;
Christ beside us
on our left and our right.**

**This day be within and without us,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom we speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks to us.**

**This day be within and without us,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside us
on our left and on our right.**

Blessing

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us,
wherever we may be
May He guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May He bring us home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown us.
May He bring us home rejoicing
once again into our doors.
Amen**