

Praying During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Our Parish Prayer Group regularly meets to pray for the Parish, our Community and the World. During these difficult times if you would like to join us in your own homes it would be an amazing way to meet together spiritually and to fight this virus. Our dear Lord said “ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20). So if we all gather together in spirit, ideally at the same time each day, we will be united with each other and our Lord – how awesome! The Prayer Group meets on Tuesday evenings between 5.30-6.30 pm. However, if we could all pray EACH DAY between 5.30-6.30 (maybe not for the whole hour if that is too long) it would be wonderful. We would know that others are praying too and that we are not alone (even if we are isolated in our homes).

We suggest thinking about and praying for the following people, places and situations:

- **Our Church Family – Including Rev Sheila, Fr Tony, Fr Graham, Fr Robert, Fr Michael and Fr Andrew and their families that God will keep them safe and well**
- **Those in our Community who live on their own - that God will comfort them**
- **Those in our Community who are sick and worried – that God will bless them**
- **For the NHS and all people working in the medical and carer sectors – that God will protect and support them.**
- **For all ‘Key Workers’ at this time – that God will support them with there work**
- **Our local Doctors surgeries – that people will respect the Doctors, nurses and receptionists**
- **Our local shops – that people will not be greedy and only buy what they need**
- **Those in our villages who are worried about their jobs and how they will cope if they can’t work – that God will provide**
- **For our local children as they try to learn at home and miss their friends – that God will guide their parents and give them patience**
- **For families self-isolating because one member is poorly – that God will be with them**
- **For those who have life-threatening illnesses and feel especially vulnerable -that God will take away their fear**
- **We pray for ourselves that we can be used by our Heavenly Father to help others and to spread His love and compassion**
- **We pray for understanding of those who seem to be “breaking the rules” because they can’t cope mentally with the situation**
- **For the homeless and the Foodbank**
- **We pray for those who will die this week**
- **We pray for our Government and those in positions of authority, that they will seek the common good**
- **We pray for the scientists who are trying to find a vaccine for this virus**

- We pray for other countries, particularly poorer places where they do not have adequate medical supplies – remembering Kenyan and our sponsored children, Eunice and Eric
- We thank God for his goodness and many blessings, for the beautiful weather and our community with so people many willing to help others

Thank you for praying!

With Love from The Parish Prayer Group