

## Resources for the Day of Prayer

Friday 10th April 2020 to Saturday 11th April 2020

### The Great Litany

*Sections 1 and 6 are always used, together with all or a selection of the other sections.*

1 [Let us pray.]

God the Father,  
**have mercy on us.**  
God the Son,  
**have mercy on us.**  
God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**have mercy on us.**

2

From all evil and mischief;  
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice;  
and from all evil intent,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt of your word and your laws,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;  
from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From famine and disaster;  
from violence, murder and dying unprepared,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow;  
in all times of joy;  
in the hour of our death and at the day of judgement,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

### **3**

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church;  
fill it with love and truth;  
and grant it that unity which is your will.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,  
and to make disciples of all the nations.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding,  
that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word,  
and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth  
all who have erred and are deceived.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand;  
comfort and help the fainthearted;  
raise up the fallen;  
and finally beat down Satan under our feet.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

### **4**

Guide the leaders of the nations  
into the ways of peace and justice.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guard and strengthen your servant, Elizabeth the Queen,  
that she may put her trust in you  
and seek your honour and glory.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Endue the members of our parliaments  
and all who govern us with wisdom and understanding.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law,  
that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory,  
and for the good of all.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Remember the ancient peoples of this land  
and forgive the sins of ignorance and neglect done against them.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

**5**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind,  
and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,  
and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember with thanksgiving  
those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**6**

Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.**

## **A Prayer at this Time**

Loving God,  
source of healing and comfort,  
at this time of fear,  
fill us with your grace,  
that the sick may be made whole,  
the virus contained and a cure found.  
Strengthen those who care for the sick,  
calm the anxious,  
and protect the most vulnerable  
in the power of the Spirit  
and in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.  
3 He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake .  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.  
5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.  
6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:  
    why are you so far from helping me and from the words of my groaning?
- 2 My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer: and by night also I take no rest.
- 3 But you continue holy: you that are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our forebears trusted: they trusted, and you delivered them;
- 5 To you they cried and they were saved: they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man: the scorn of all and despised by the people.
- 7 Those that see me laugh me to scorn:  
    they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 ‘He trusted in the Lord — let him deliver him: let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’
- 9 But you are he that took me out of the womb:  
    that brought me to lie at peace on my mother’s breast.
- 10 On you have I been cast since my birth: you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help
- 12 Many oxen surround me: fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side
- 13 They gape wide their mouths at me: like lions that roar and rend
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:  
    my heart within my breast is like melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue clings to my gums.
- 16 My hands and my feet are withered: and you lay me in the dust of death.
- 17 For many dogs are come about me: and a band of evildoers hem me in.
- 18 I can count all my bones: they stand staring and gazing upon me.
- 19 They part my garments among them: and cast lots for my clothing.
- 20 O Lord, do not stand far off: you are my helper, hasten to my aid.
- 21 Deliver my body from the sword: my life from the power of the dogs;
- 22 O save me from the lion’s mouth: and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.
- 23 I will tell of your name to my companions:  
    in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
- 24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:  
    hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
- 25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:  
    nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.
- 26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:  
    I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:  
    and those who seek the Lord shall praise him— may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:  
    and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- 29 For the kingdom is the Lord’s: and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:  
    or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31 But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:  
    and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.