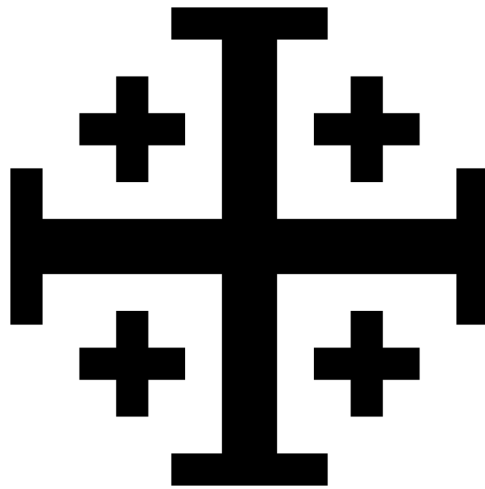


Prayer at Home in A Time of Pandemic



The Anglican Parish of Banyule

*The service may be prayed entirely by one person, or in a group where others respond with the sections in **bold**.*

Silence is kept. Sitting or kneeling, the service begins

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.**

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

All stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Remain standing. Then shall be said Psalm 90.

1 Lord you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.

3 You turn man back into dust:
saying 'return to dust you sons of Adam'.

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.

5 You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;

6 in the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.

7 And we are consumed by your anger:
because of your indignation we cease to be.

8 You have brought our iniquities before you:
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.

9 Our days decline beneath your wrath:
and our years pass away like a sigh,

10 the days of our life are three score years and ten or if we have
strength four score:
**the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow for it
passes quickly away and we are gone.**

- 11 Who can know the power of your wrath:
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?
- 12 Teach us so to number our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Relent O Lord how long will you be angry?:
Take pity on your servants.
- 14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.
- 15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
**prosper the work of our hands
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Sit down. Then shall be read one of the short lessons, or another Scripture.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength.

(Isaiah 26:3; 30:15)

Thanks be to God.

Then follows the Apostle's Creed, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and 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, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.**

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall 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.**

Sit or kneel.

Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us;

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Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father;

Have mercy upon us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, arise, help us;

And deliver us for thy name's sake.

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and one or more of the various prayers (page 5) may follow.

The service concludes

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Various prayers

In the morning

O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In the evening

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

For Parliament

Most gracious God, ruler of all the nations, we pray for the parliament of this State/Commonwealth; direct and prosper all its work to the advancement of your glory, and the safety and welfare of this country; so that peace and happiness, truth and justice, may be established among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For agriculture and farming

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it may produce what is needed to sustain our life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For a sick person

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick *servant N.* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under his affliction. In thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who live alone

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that all those who live alone (especially ...) may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For trustfulness in times of worry and anxiety

Most loving Father, you will us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on the One who cares for us. Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested unto us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For God's help

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner. **Amen.**

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