

Some Simple Prayers



for use during the

**Coronavirus
(COVID-19)
Outbreak**

A GENERAL PRAYER

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FOR THOSE IN ISOLATION

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the
cross, but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR HOSPITAL STAFF & MEDICAL RESEARCHERS

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a
cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be
restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FROM ONE WHO IS ILL or ISOLATED

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can
separate me from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the
darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff -
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.