

Morning prayer meeting from Easter Monday

**Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

Praise the Lord!

The Name of the Lord be praised!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead!

God has claimed us as His own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us a light to the world.

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Scripture Readings

**Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.**

**He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield
and rampart.**

**You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

**A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

(Psalm 91:3-7)

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all. *(Isaiah 53:4-6)*

When the perishable has been clothed with
the imperishable, and the mortal with
immortality, then the saying that is written
will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up
in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin
is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us
the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15:54-57)

Time for quiet and reflection

Intercessions from the 24/7 prayer movement

Lord Jesus, we ask you to protect us
from 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)***

Jehovah Shalom, Lord of Peace,
we remember those living
in coronavirus hotspots and those
currently in isolation.

May they know your presence
in their isolation, your peace in their turmoil
and your patience in their waiting.
Prince of Peace, you are powerful
and merciful; let this be their prayer -

**May your mercy come quickly to meet us,
for we are in desperate need.
Help us, God our Saviour,
for the glory of your name.**
(Psalm 79:8)

God of all comfort and counsel,
we pray particularly for those who are
grieving because of this virus,
reeling from the sudden loss of loved ones.
May they somehow know your fellowship
in their suffering, your comfort in their loss,
and your hope in their despair.
We name before you those known to us
who are vulnerable and scared –
the frail, the sick and the elderly.
We also remember those doctors,

pastors and family-members who are caring for all such people right now.

God of all Comfort,
you are powerful and merciful;
may this be our prayer -

**He has delivered us from such a deadly peril,
and he will deliver us again.**

**On him we have set our hope
that he will continue to deliver us.**

(2 Cor 1:10)

Jehovah Rapha, God who heals,
we pray for all medical professionals
dealing daily with the intense added pressures
of this crisis. Grant them resilience
in weariness, discernment in diagnosis,
and compassion upon compassion
as they care.

We thank you for the army of researchers
cooperating towards a cure –
give them clarity, serendipity and
unexpected breakthroughs we pray.

Rise Sun of righteousness,
above this present darkness with healing
in your rays.

You are powerful and merciful;
may this be our prayer -

**God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear *(Psalms 46:1-2)*

Time for open prayer

Prayer for this week

Lord of all life and power,
through the mighty resurrection of your Son
You overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
You have made us dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ;
may reign with him in glory,
And worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and in all eternity.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will do it.