

Let us pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, you said 'Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest' Lord we come to you today, your people are weary, your people are heavily burdened, Lord grant us your peace, which transcends all human understanding, and give us rest in your loving presence.

Compassionate healing Father We cry out to you today, as coronavirus continues to affect the lives of millions of people worldwide.

On this anniversary of the The National Health Service, which came into being on this day 72 years ago, we give you thanks for this institution which has brought healing and care to so many in their time of need.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life, be with all carers and health professionals, as they act as agents of your healing touch.

In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving; and when their work is done, be with them in their weariness and in their tears.

Lord, In your mercy, hear our prayers

Lord we pray for the church worldwide at this time and in particular we pray for your blessing and protection over all who are making 'doing church differently' at St Pauls', and All Saints possible, for their dedication and love, holding us all together as one church, as we come together online to worship You The ONE true God, Thank you Lord for Rev'd Jeni, and Rev'd Amanda, thank you for Pat and the prayer team who are providing prayer support for any in need, thank you for the worship music team, thank you for the youth and children's team, who have continued to support families with resources and activities during this time, thank you for the readers and ordinands, thank you for the technical team and all who have had to work really hard during these difficult times. Thank you Lord Jesus for our new Curate Rachel Snow, who we look forward very much to meeting, and hearing all that she will teach us. Lord we pray for Pete as he leads alpha and all those who at this time are coming to faith for the first time. Bless us all as one family and keep us renewed in your Holy Spirit. We look forward to a time when we will be able to safely be together again inside our church building, with your loving guidance and protection Lord.

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Compassionate God we hear that during this lockdown domestic abuse has doubled, we lift up to you any victims of domestic violence and abuse, Let them know you are there for them O God, let them know you are in the business of working miracles, let them know that you are the answer, Jesus you are the almighty, omnipresent God we ask for your help to stop domestic violence, we pray those responsible for domestic abuse wear a spirit of guilt so that they STOP hurting, bring peace in their homes, let the victims know you are there and there is no shame, guide them to seek help, let them know they do not deserve this abuse, that they are fearfully and wonderfully made and you are able to raise them up and protect them.

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Creator God, we pray together for our brothers and sisters who are affected by racial discrimination and injustice, especially members of the Black community. Lord may your Holy Spirit help us find true healing and renewal.

Father your children are crying, where there is brokenness, mend our hearts,
Father your children are hurting, where there is suffering give us true healing, where
there is indifference to the pain of others fill our hearts with empathy,
Where there is fear, replace it with your love,
Father your children are dying, where there is darkness, lead us to light, where there
is oppression, grant us freedom,

Father you breathed dignity and worth into every human life,
Each of us is uniquely made
Help us to love one another the way you call us to love,
Help us to act righteously to one another
Help us to see each other the way you created us to see
Help us to be more like Christ, the way you call us to be.

Lord, In your mercy, hear our prayers

Lord in a moment of silence we pray for anyone known to us personally, we lift them
up to you now in Jesus name

Lord we pray for you to comfort all those who are sick and dying, we pray for any
who are mourning the loss of loved ones, draw near and comfort them with your
love.

**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour
Jesus Christ Amen**