

WORSHIP AT HOME



ST SAVIOUR'S RETFORD

Helpful Information

This booklet is a resource to help you to pray and worship at home. It can be used at any time, but is particularly designed for when it is not possible for people to worship together.

This is not the first time that churches have faced meeting restrictions or closure for reasons of public health. During the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic churches in Washington DC in America closed on government advice. Church leaders recommended that “our people shall conduct in their own homes some form of religious worship remembering in prayer especially the sick...” We hope this resource will help you to do this during the current Coronavirus situation.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV)

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DAILY PRAYER



The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.

Nahum 1.7

OPENING PRAYER

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Keep a short silence to still your heart

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together,
Across the miles yet joined

Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Assurance of God's forgiveness through Jesus

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son,
and strengthen us to live in the power of his Spirit
all our days.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

A passage from the Bible is read.

You could follow one of the suggest patterns on pages 10-11 in this booklet or choose a reading(s) of your own.

Allow a short silence after each reading and consider one thing God has spoken to you about through His Word. You could then turn this into a simple prayer, perhaps saying thank you for something encouraging, sorry for something where you know you have fallen short and asking for God's help with something you need to change.

Is there someone who you could contact via phone, email or social media to encourage them with this today?

PRAYERS

These can be as long or as short as you like. You don't need to use any special words and can speak to God about anything. There are suggested written prayers for various situations on pages 6-9

*Some things to pray for might include
the day ahead and its tasks
the world and its needs
the Church and her life
all impacted by the coronavirus outbreak*

The prayers may finish with the Church's Prayer for the Day (printed on the weekly bulletin) or one of the following

Lord our God,
as with all creation
we offer you the life of this day,
give us grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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.**

(or)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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

CLOSING PRAYERS

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(or)

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

OTHER PRAYERS



A prayer for our world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**

A prayer for those in need

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. **Amen**

A prayer for God's presence and help

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your gracious help,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A prayer for hospital staff and 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. **Amen.**

The Jesus Prayer – this can be memorised and used to focus on Jesus throughout the day

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

A prayer for Christ's Love – this can be memorised and used throughout the day

May the love of Christ take hold of my life
May the love of Christ shine in my heart
May the love of Christ flow through me like a river

A personal prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in my heart, Christ in my mouth
Christ in my thoughts, Christ in my deeds. **Amen**

from St Patrick's Breastplate

A prayer before going to Sleep

God our Father, by whose mercy
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to
light:

we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

To your love and protection
we commit each other and all those we love,
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Church of South India

Praying for St Saviour's

2025

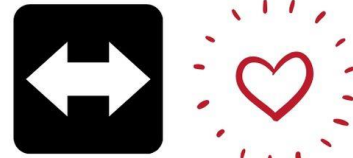
 **St Saviour's
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Look up to KNOW Jesus



**Look in to GROW as
Jesus' family**



**Look out to SHOW Jesus
to our community**



We pray that by 2025...



5 new leaders serving the church



150 people will regularly attend
services



25 people under the age of 25
regularly attending services



50% regularly meeting midweek to read the Bible,
pray and encourage each other

8.25 Prayer Challenge



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Every day at 8.25 morning or evening (or another time that suits you) take a moment to pray for St Saviour's to
Know, Grow & Show Jesus.

A prayer for St Saviour's

Loving God,
Thank you for St Saviour's.
In green pastures and dark valleys
help us to know you better
grow as your family whether apart or together
and show your love in our community
that your kingdom come
and your will be done. **Amen**

A prayer for church growth

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS

I don't know where to start?

If you are new to Bible reading why not keep it simple and just read a chapter of **Mark**, or another gospel and perhaps a **Psalms** each day

I'm looking for help

These verses may provide comfort and support in various situations. If you would like further help or to talk to someone please contact Vicar Ben or Curate Ben.

When you want to say sorry to God

Psalm 51

1 John 1:5-2:2

God's Love

John 3:1-21

Romans 5:1-10

God's hope

Isaiah 40

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

When you feel weak or in need of help

Matthew 11:28-30

John 6:25-40

Help to trust and follow God

Joshua 1:7-9

Psalm 1

Proverbs 3:5-6

When anxious or afraid

Psalm 23

Psalm 34

Psalm 121

Romans 8

1 John 4:7-21

1 Peter 1:3-9

Revelation 21-22

John 15:1-17

Ephesians 2:1-10

James 1:19-27

Matthew 6:25-34

Mark 4:35-41

Philippians 4:6-7

These suggested readings are adapted from the Church of England reading scheme (lectionary) for morning prayer. More will be distributed if needed.

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms
1	Exodus 2:11-23	Hebrews 9:1-14	77
2	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Hebrews 9:15-end	79
3	Exodus 4:1-26	Hebrews 10:1-18	111
4	Exodus 4:27-6:1	Hebrews 10:19-25	86
5	Exodus 6:2-27	Hebrews 10:26-end	19
6	Exodus 6:28-7:8	Hebrews 11:1-16	23
7	Exodus 7:8-end	John 12:20-33	86
8	Exodus 8:1-19	Hebrews 11:17-31	73
9	Exodus 8:20-end	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	35
10	Exodus 9:1-12	Hebrews 12:3-13	55
11	Exodus 9:13-end	Hebrews 12:14-end	40
12	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13:1-16	22
13	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13:17-end	42
14	Zechariah 9:9-12	Luke 16:19-end	61
15	Lamentations 1:1-12a	Luke 22:1-23	41
16	Lamentations 3:1-18	Luke 22:24-53	27
17	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Luke 22:54-end	102
18	Leviticus 16:2-24	Luke 23:1-25	43
19	Genesis 22:1-18	John 19	69
20	Hosea 6:1-6	John 2:18-22	142
21	Exodus 14:10-15:2	John 20:1-18	114
22	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	117
23	Exodus 12:14-36	1 Corinthians 15:12-19	112
24	Exodus 12:37-end	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	113
25	Exodus 13:1-16	1 Corinthians 15:29-34	114
26	Exodus 13:17-14:14	1 Corinthians 15:35-50	115
27	Exodus 14:15-end	1 Corinthians 15:51-end	116
28	Daniel 6:1-23	John 20:19-end	81
29	Exodus 15:1-21	Colossians 1:1-14	19
30	Exodus 15:22-16:10	Colossians 1:15-end	8

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