



Prayer and worship at home

If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at. You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still.

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Act of Penitence

As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness, grace and healing.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Special Prayer for this week

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING : 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL : Matthew 28.16–20

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Glory to you, O Lord

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Affirmation of faith

With our Christian brothers and sisters, we affirm our faith in God, the Holy Trinity.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of intercession

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or be prompted by the words here)

We pray for our world, especially at this time of anxiety and fear...

We pray for our nation and its well-being...

We pray for schools and shops returning to work...

We pray that those who have been shielding will continue to remain safe and well...

We pray for neighbours, family and friends and we remember all those self-isolating at the moment...

We pray for all who are sick, worried or anxious, and for those who feel cut off from friends and family...

We pray for those who have died in recent days, and all whom we remember with love and affection....

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

Our Father in heaven...

Or

Our Father, who art in heaven...

The Grace

We conclude our prayers

By love and through the Maker We will walk in wonder

By faith and through Jesus **We will walk in justice**

By hope and through the Spirit We will walk in wisdom and joy.

God the Holy Trinity makes us strong in faith and love, shield and protect us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace.

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

Readings for the coming week: Monday Psalm 4 Matthey

Psalm 9

Psalm 11

Psalm 4

Psalm 147

Psalm 24

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Matthew 5.1-12 Matthew 5.13-16 Matthew 5.17-19 John 6.51-58 John 15.12-17 Matthew 5.33-37

