

# PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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Creator God, our Loving Heavenly Father, as we come to you in the quietness of our homes, we ask for a very real sense of your presence.

Some are more lonely than ever, others are thankful for quietness and solitude. Some are sad or ill, with nobody to comfort them, others are rejoicing in more time spent with family in the confines of their own home. Some are frightened whilst others are excited about a different view of daily life. We all come to you with a mix of many emotions. All of us are in need of your enabling in the strange times in which we are living. For all the strangeness, help us to know that nothing can separate us from your love.

Caring God - We give thanks for many who are caring for others in their community, NHS staff, police, all those in essential work and those caring for friends and family. Give them strength and stamina. Help us to see where we can care and help, even if we feel so limited.

Almighty God, as the leaders of our nation, and other nations, try to deal with all the consequences of the coronavirus, we ask that your Holy Spirit will guide and direct them in all the difficult decisions they have to make. Keep them from self-glorification. We pray too that some thoughtless people are flouting guidelines may be given wisdom to see the error of their ways.

Father God, yesterday we were remembering how your Son rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, travelling in humility and showing love in the extremity of suffering. Let it be our privilege to carry your love into today's "Jerusalem", our world of sickness and turmoil and so much strangeness. Let us be your agents of peace and love.

In Jesus's name we pray. Amen