

# PRAAYER FOR THE WEEK

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Abba Father,

Last week, we prayed the Colours of the Timeless Rainbow with all its Brilliance, Promise and Assurance of Your great love for us and everyone in Your world from the time of Noah to the windows and pavements of our time.

**Thank You, Lord.**

Today, we pray remembering some of the words of the Prayer '**Don't Quit**' which is being broadcast across our television screens.

*'When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the way you are trudging seems all uphill  
Rest if you must but don't you quit.'*

We are coming through with Your help but these times are so very hard, Lord, and we know that we all need You and Your Love more than ever before.

The beautiful comforting world You created for us now seems a different place and we are facing reality and problems we never envisaged in our generation. We are challenged and frightened of this 'Unseen Enemy' pursuing us all across the world and affecting everyone.

We pray for all who are ill in Hospitals, Care Homes and at home asking for healing and wholeness. We remember all those with 'Special Needs' and 'Families at Risk' and their helpers.

'Social Distancing' and this new way of living means we are afraid to go out, to share and comfort one another in sad situations and it is causing separation from those we love and hardship for many and we grieve with those who mourn and ask you to give them special comfort as only You can as Matthew says *'I am with you all the days to the end of the Age'*.

We know that to '*Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives*' is the way forward and we stand Together in this witness of solidarity.

**The Lord Hears Our Prayer**

**Loving Father,**

We pray as you instructed us to Pray:

for our Queen, Our Prime Minister, the Health Secretary, our Leaders and all those on the Front Line, who are caring for patients and others, sourcing our food, our medical supplies and PPE, and enabling these to reach wherever they are needed. We know we are '*no longer an Island*' but dependent upon each other and we pray for their protection and safety and for their families standing loyally beside them as they serve us and we salute the courage shown.

We pray for strength, courage and perseverance for all those Scientists, Engineers, Academics, Medics, the Services and many others as they work so hard for all of us here and across the world finding new solutions to problems and for the medical research which will find a vaccine to prevent another pandemic in the future.

We give thanks for the great blessings of 'Technological Innovation' giving us, a 'Scattered World Church', new ways of being Together on Sundays and through our week and being able to witness out to our communities. We are reaffirming our deep faith in You, our Living Lord, by these new ways made possible by the expertise of others through Zoom, Facetime, Whats App, e-mails, along with the familiar comfort of letters, cards and most importantly 'Phone Calls between us.

These are the '**Silver Tint**' of the cloud of doubt which will bring us through this fight to a new normal compassionate way of living safe in the palm of Your hand.

**Thank You for being our Strength and Shield, Lord.**

**Amen**

May The Lord bless you and keep you this week.