

**Monday 18/1/21 Day 1 week of Prayer
7pm – 8pm**



The bible says:

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. We enter your gates with thanksgiving today and we enter your courts with praise. We glorify you for the countless ways you have blessed us. We praise you for your great love. We thank you that we can enter your presence today. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Holy Spirit, we seek your presence in the silence beyond words looking to you for comfort, strength, protection and reassurance breathing with gratitude holding on to hope trusting with faith that you are still God in the midst of the turmoil and that your love reaches to the ends of the earth. Be present with us now. Amen

Music

Holy Spirit (feat. Kim Walker Smith)

Prayer

1. **Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 , isolated or facing quarantine.**

Lord, you have said ‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —*Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*”

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

2. **Pray for protection for the elderly and people at higher risk of developing the disease.**

The bible says ‘Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you’. 1 *Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and isolation from loved ones.

3. **Pray for doctors, nurses, all front line medical staff and medical researchers**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. —*Psalms 23:4 (NIV)*

Restoring and healing God, thank you for medical workers everywhere, embodying sacrificial love in these challenging times putting the welfare of others before their own, staying away from their family and loved ones comforting the concerned and bereaved reassuring the anxious and vulnerable working to heal and restore people

who are ill. Be their guide, strength, wisdom and hope, protect them and their families In Jesus name we pray.

4. **Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress.**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. —*John 14:27 (NIV)*

Jesus, we thank You for Your faithfulness in how you have guided and equipped people in their jobs and have provided in the past. It can be scary and overwhelming not knowing how bills and obligations will be met or to not be able to provide for families. As people feel financial strain during the uncertainty, bring them comfort and peace, reminding them that You are there for them. Provide for them in their times of need.

Music

Angus Dei (Donnie McClurkin)

5. **Pray for all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak.**

Names of those who have lost loved ones to COVID

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18 NIV

Lord You are all-seeing and all-knowing, perfectly just and compassionate. When we struggle to see you in the silence, don't know the answers, and fear the unknown, let Your Holy Spirit comfort us and guide our minds to Your Truth.

Help us to be thankful for the loved ones we have lost, to honour their lives and retain the good memories over the painful good-byes. We are never ready to say good-bye to the ones we love, but a massive amount of us are doing just that during this pandemic.

we convey our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones and pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace. We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his peace and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

6. **Pray that coronavirus stops mutating and spreading**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea ... *Psalm 46:1-2 (NIV)*

Almighty God, we know that everything is in Your sovereign control. We ask that You keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving from other countries. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind people to observe the guidelines and instructions given by the government . And while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

7. **Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about coronavirus.**

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly , with each other and with the public and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

8. **Pray for supermarket workers, delivery drivers, refuse collectors and everyone who carries out essential services.**

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus

Closing Prayer

Gracious Father, we thank you for the opportunity to meet together today. As we leave this place, surround us with your love. May we see your beauty, feel your love, know your wisdom and experience your power. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. May your love be the passion in our hearts. May your joy be our strength when times are hard. May your presence be the peace that overflows in our lives. We invite You to send us out from here in the power of the Holy Spirit. Reveal your Grace and truth to us each day. We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

