

ALL SAINTS AT PRAYER

Wednesday 18th March 2020

“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” (Psalm 61:1-2)



CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

OUR GOD

- ◆ He the maker and sovereign Lord over all things
- ◆ Nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God in Christ
- ◆ The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth

OUR LEADERS

- ◆ Government – Prime Minister, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Scientific Advisor, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Chancellor
- ◆ Church – The Queen, Archbishops, Bishop of Chichester
- ◆ Business – dealing with the immense financial fallout

OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

- ◆ NHS staff – those on the frontline and in support services
- ◆ GPs, 111 telephone service operators, pharmacists
- ◆ Those testing for the virus, and those seeking a vaccine

OUR CHURCH

- ◆ Wisdom in decision-making for the clergy and staff
- ◆ How we best minister to one another as we are separated
- ◆ Effective pastoral support for the frail and vulnerable

OUR SCHOOLS

- ◆ Teachers and support staff struggling to keep schools open
- ◆ When schools do close... pray especially for children for whom home is not a safe or secure place
- ◆ Wise decisions to be made about exams

OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ All who live and work in nursing and residential homes
- ◆ The United Reformed Church and Evangelical Free Church
- ◆ Those living alone or who are fearful of the virus and its effects

OUR FAMILIES

- ◆ Marriages and family relationships in extended times of isolation
- ◆ Financial pressures
- ◆ Mental and emotional wellbeing of adults and children

OUR WORLD

- ◆ The poor, refugees, migrants, and all who will be affected all the more adversely by the virus
- ◆ Ongoing wars, and disasters that do not now make the news
- ◆ Mission partners facing challenges in their nations and churches

OURSELVES

- ◆ Security to be in God, daily looking to him for protection and opportunities for service
- ◆ Creative ways to love our neighbours and those in need
- ◆ To point to the eternal hope found in Christ alone

“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)