

A Prayer For The Global Church During Covid-19

Prayers for our global Church family

Almighty and Merciful God,

We give thanks for Your Church throughout the world.

Thank You that we are part of a global family of faith that is much bigger than our ourselves.

Thank You that we belong together, as one united body.

We pray that You would strengthen the bonds of friendship and love that we share across the world.

Please help us to care more deeply for one another, to listen more carefully to one another, to share more generously with one another.

Help us to grow together.

We are Your Church. We are one family.

Help us to share the love, hope and peace that only You can bring.

Prayers for our nations

Almighty and Merciful God,

We pray for our nations.

We pray particularly for all those countries where the wider CMSI family is at work:

- For Burundi
- For Democratic Republic of Congo
- For Egypt
- For Ireland
- For Kenya
- For Nepal
- For Rwanda
- For South Sudan
- For Uganda
- For the United Kingdom
- For Zambia

We pray that You would guide and bless our political leaders, our healthcare workers and all who strive to keep us safe and provide for our needs.

Gracious God, we humbly ask that You would bring an end to the suffering of our people, whether from Covid-19 or the many other things that are causing pain and despair at this time.

Help us, Your people, to shine brightly in this present darkness.

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Prayers for our own churches

Almighty and Merciful God,

We pray for our own churches and dioceses.

We ask You to bless each parish and congregation.

During this period of isolation and separation, may You draw us more closely together.

Help us discover new ways to worship together, to learn together and to bless one another.

Show us, Lord, how to love and serve one another more effectively in our local churches.

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Prayers for vulnerable and marginalised people in our societies

Almighty and Merciful God,

We pray today for the most vulnerable members of our own societies, particularly those whose daily struggles are magnified in this period of lockdown.

We pray for all who are sick, whether as a result of Covid or other health conditions – may they experience Your healing touch and know that You are with them.

We pray for those who are grieving – may they know Your comfort and strength.

We pray for those who are living in extreme poverty and who struggling to make ends meet at a time of reduced support and care – may You provide for their needs and bring Your hope in the midst of their despair.

We pray for those who are lonely and isolated – may they know Your presence and Your companionship.

We pray for those struggling with mental health issues and addictions – may they experience Your peace, which passes all understanding.

We pray for vulnerable children in our care systems – may they know the stability and security that You bring through Your relentless and unconditional love.

We pray for those who have been uprooted and displaced from their homes – may they experience Your welcome and Your loving embrace.

We pray for all who continue to experience the horrors of violence and war – may they know Your protection and may You bring lasting peace to their lands.

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Closing

We pray all these things in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who came through death so that we may have life, in all its fulness.

Amen

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