

**A LIGHTED CANDLE  
FOR HOPE AND HEALING  
IN THE MIDST OF CORONAVIRUS**

**Introduction**

*Introduce yourself. You may want to introduce a sentence from scripture and a very short reflection before leading into the prayers.*

*Let us pray*

We light this candle as a sign that you are with us, Lord, and with all your church gathered in different places around their candles yet united by your Spirit and in faith, hope and love. May the flickering light of our candles shine the Christ-light into the hearts of all people. Amen

***Light the candle***

O God

You are Lord of the visible and invisible.

There is nothing more powerful than you -  
not even the invisible virus that is threatening  
all the people of the world.

We turn to you.

We are sorry for all the stuff that has eclipsed you from our own lives.

We ask for your help.

Help us to overcome this.

Help us to live as kinder and more caring citizens, shaped by your character that is loving, generous, merciful and forgiving.

Teach us to be good neighbours.

Please give us another chance to be good stewards of the earth  
and all that lives in it.

Bless all who are working for our safety.

Protect all who are at risk

and those who put themselves at risk for the sake of others.

Comfort the fearful, the lonely and isolated.

Help us to embrace the changes and challenges and to discover new ways of doing things.

Help us to all pull together for the good of everyone.

*We pray by name for .....*

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Saviour of the world; who by his resurrection, overcame the powers of darkness and evil and who will overcome this present crisis. Amen

We gather these and our unspoken prayers together in the prayer Jesus has taught us:

### **Contemporary**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **Traditional**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### *Song*

*Longing for Light: by Bernadette Farrell*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caA4sIXkD44>

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen