

**City Wide Hour of Prayer – Pointers compiled by Ruth McArthur**

**If you wish, please use these Bible verses and prayers to guide your prayer time.**

**Psalm 91 vv 1-4: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My fortress, My God, in whom I trust!” For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. (NASB)**

Father, at this time of crisis and in the face of national difficulty we turn to you and say ‘Lord, we don’t know what to do, but our eyes are on you ....’ (2 Chronicles 20:12). We ask that in Your great mercy You will deliver us from the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be with those in other nations, particularly Italy, Spain and the USA, where the virus has been very hard to control.

Please be with all NHS workers as they work on the front line to bring healing in desperate circumstances to very ill patients. Skill and enable them and provide them with all the equipment they need for their work.

Be with other key workers and those whose work is considered to be essential. Please protect them as they continue to serve us through this pandemic. Keep morale high and help them to know that they are appreciated as they do their jobs each day.

**Psalm 23 vv 1-3: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. (NASB)**

Father please be with all those who are elderly or vulnerable as they seek to stay at home through the epidemic. Please enable them to stay safe and please provide everything that they need without them having to leave the house unnecessarily.

Be with foodbanks and charities as they try to meet the needs that confront them. Please provide them with the food and essentials they need for everyone and please help those who need deliveries to receive them without having to go out.

Please be with those in lockdown or isolation as they don’t see friends and loved ones. Help them to keep in touch by other means and to find enough to do, so that they don’t feel lonely or isolated.

**1 Timothy 2 vv 2-4: First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. (NASB)**

Father we ask that You will be with the government at this time enabling them to make good and right decisions for the nation. Be with those who advise them and help them to give good and trustworthy advice.

Please be with Boris Johnson at this time and grant him a speedy recovery. Bless those who are keeping the government of the nation on track and give them wisdom and integrity at this time.

Be with all world leaders as they face the threat of coronavirus, particularly those in poorer nations.

**Isaiah 33 vv 5-6: The Lord is exalted for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. And He will be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his (our) treasure. (NASB)**

Father please grant peace to all those who are anxious and fearful. Please comfort them and help them to know and understand that You are in control.

Be with all those who are struggling financially because they are not in receipt of any wages or benefits. Please meet their needs as they try to make headway through the crisis.

Be with all business owners and self-employed people as they work their way through the government guidelines. Help them to access the help on offer.

#### **Additional Prayer Resources**

Below are some resources put together to help people praying at home, personally and with children. They include prayer guides for 60min prayer times. We recommend these to you!

Church of England Resources: [jub.onl/2Kcic6V](http://jub.onl/2Kcic6V)

24-7 Prayer Resources: [jub.onl/3ciqHcQ](http://jub.onl/3ciqHcQ)