

Ever One and Sacred Three, we bind ourselves to the strong name of the Trinity.

O God beyond us, lead us forward to pray.

O God beside us, teach us gently to pray.

O God within us, still our hearts to pray.

We pray for the church. We pray for Archbishop Justin, Bishop Christopher, for Fr Colin and for Fr Ray.

We pray for our church at St George's. We thank you Lord for the gift of this technology that allows us to stream our Eucharist to the members of our church and beyond. We pray, during this period that we are socially distant, that we remember we are one church and one fellowship. We pray for that blessed day that we might be able to meet together in St George's and pray together in person.

Ever One and Sacred Three, strengthen for service all members of your church, not only the leaders but also the led. Help us to exercise our gifts, by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, that the richness of your uniting love may bring us to the life and love, the peace, joy and hope, that are needed by all.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world that continues to groan under the weight of the coronavirus.

We pray for our nurses, our doctors, our care workers and our scientists.

As the lockdown restrictions begin to ease, may we not rush back to that where we were before but to stop, to think, and to consider what aspects of life we truly want to return to.

To the consideration of the poor. To remember how we helped those who were isolated. To recall that we made a special effort to call those we had not seen.

We pray for those societies blighted by racial violence in America and around the world. That all may know that You created and love us all equally whatever our background, our nationality or the colour of our skin.

Ever One and Sacred Three, bless those who look to help us away from this virus. May those that lead and those that are led discover a different light and a better way.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom we love, the special people who have been given to us, wherever they may be.

We give thanks for all those things that we have had time during this period to consider and to appreciate. Our families. Our homes and our gardens. The beauty of nature. Everything that God has blessed us with.

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Ever One and Sacred Three, we thank you for our families and for our friends.

Grant us grace to seek to know their needs, to share in their sorrows, and to be in tune with their joy. And may the love that You have for us be shown in our love for each other.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer and who are sick. For those we love dearly. For those we barely know. Be present in the healing touch of all hands that help the sick and suffering. And send your Spirit to comfort and protect all who need you.

We pray for those in our number who are known to us.

Shelley Lazlett, Geoff, Anna Chapman, Christopher, Richard Rundle, Hillary, Madison, Amy, Carmell, Christine, Sandra Hewett, Spencer, Margaret Cavey, John Haughton, Anne Brown, Pete, Jenny Pilling, Fr Charles, Annie Sharp, June Webster, Howe Sae Kang, Lauren Keenan.

Ever One and Sacred Three, help them to know your comfort and healing both now and in the coming days. Let all those who suffer know both hope and courage, and grant them confidence in your unfailing love, and the trust that leads to the surprise of joy.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We remember with deep gratitude those who have now gone before us to be with Christ. They may have been family members, colleagues, friends. We are so blessed that they have touched our lives and we continue to miss them, every day.

We pray for Ray Kent and Jeremy Benjamin Wickham Howard who have died recently - Shirley King and Hannah Steel

And we remember Harry Biggs, Louisa Biggs, Bridget Boardman, Elizabeth Cairns, Jack Mitchell and Raymon **Hayhoe** whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Ever One and Sacred Three, we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one. Be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Ever One and Sacred Three, in this moment of silence, we offer our own, personal prayers to our Heavenly Father.

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**