



*Light a candle
of hope*

*A short act of worship to be co-ordinated for 7 p.m.
on Mothering Sunday*

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. *Deuteronomy 31:6*

{A candle may be lit, or an LED candle switched on.}
We light this candle as a sign of hope that God is with us in these dark times.

Let us pray:

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gracious God,
we pray for our circuit; for our own church, for all our congregation, ministers and Circuit staff.
We pray for our country, our community and
We pray for all those across the world who are caring for the sick:
give them skill, sympathy and resilience
and give your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen us all with your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's prayer

**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 that 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.**

In living and loving
God is with us.
Together and apart
God is with us.
Now and always
God is with us.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and for evermore. **Amen**

