Virtual Sunday Service
Prayers

Prayer is always a vital part of our worship and our own individual spiritual lives. That is maybe especially true though in times of struggle and difficulty. We are putting together prayer sheets for our services each week, so that we continue to have some form of corporate prayer – even though we are separated physically, we are united in spirit, and in our prayers. The wonderful thing about prayer is that we can do it any time and anywhere.
First pray for yourself and those you love

Bring those prayers to a close praying this modified version of the “Collect (prayer) for aid against all perils”:

Lighten our darkness, we ask you, Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this time; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
Secondly pray for all those who have lost loved ones in recent days

Bring those prayers to a close with this prayer from the Church of England Funeral service:

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thirdly, take time to pray for those working on the frontline of the NHS at the moment, and all those seeking a cure or vaccine for Coronavirus.

Draw your prayers to a close by praying the prayer the Church of England has written for the Coronavirus crisis:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Finally, we draw all our prayers together by praying the Lord’s prayer:

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.