

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

for the Sundays before LENT

## GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

God is spirit

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

## CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world

We have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PSALM

## BIBLE READING

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Which words or phrases in this reading encourage me?
- Which words or phrases in this reading challenge me?
- How might this reading make a difference to me today?

**SERMON** You can find this week's sermon at:  
<https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

## **INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray to God,  
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and carers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
for those who have lost loved ones,  
that each may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves,  
and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace.