

A Reflective Service for worship when in isolation.

You could in this worship at the same time as your regular church service, knowing that, while you are not present, you are still part of the community.



If you want to live out your faith in your isolation why not telephone someone, to let them know that they are not alone.

If you are lonely, telephone a friend or a minister.
Keep these phone numbers to hand
if you need help, advice or prayer

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Please God, we can meet together in church again, soon.

At home, sharing with others in prayer, we meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Keep a short silence, still your heart.

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together, separated in space yet joined in time.

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

God our comforter, you are our refuge and strength, a helper close at hand in times of trouble.
Help us so to hear your word that our fear may be dispelled,
our loneliness eased, and our hope reawakened.
May your Holy Spirit lift us above our anxieties, to the peace and light of your constant love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Keep a short silence, God hears our prayers

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,
and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit all our days. Amen.

Find the bible readings for today on the Plan, in The Bridge magazine, online, or choose your own.

Perhaps aim to read a gospel over a few days.

Ask "what is God trying to say to me in this reading?"

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.
Therefore, God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Philippians 2.6-11

We pray for others in the quiet of our hearts.

Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.

Silence for prayer is kept:

Pray for yourself at home, that God would sit with you

Pray for others in their loneliness

Pray for our country, Pray for the world

We should not be afraid -

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Tim 1:7.

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.

For those people who are worried about not attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for other people

For those who will feel isolated at home alone.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that “Nothing will separate us from your love” – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us to keep our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen

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 who 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.

A silence is kept

Faithful God, may we who have shared in this time of worship

Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Our salvation and hope, who reigns as Lord now and forever. Amen

Grant us, O God,

in all our duties your help,

in all our perplexities your guidance,

in all our dangers your protection,

and in all our sorrows your peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the peace of God

which passes all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God

and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

remain with us always. Amen.

“For God has said, ‘I will not leave you or forsake you’

so we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear’.”

(Hebrews 13:5 – 6)

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you;

he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)