

The Catholic Church of St Mary, Leek

Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the Coronavirus (Covid 19) Outbreak



Welcome to St Mary's.

Thank you for giving of your time to be in church to pray for those who are self-isolating, those who have been diagnosed with Covid 19, the many health care professional, the scientists searching for a vaccine, and for our government

As you enter the church, please use the hand gel provided.

Please maintain social distancing while in church.

There may be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession; this will be available in the Confessional.

This is a period of private, personal prayer. You may prefer to use your own prayers, but here is a collection of prayers to help you use this time of prayer.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament:

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

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And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sunset they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

For those at home in self-isolation: those who are elderly and vulnerable; those with symptoms: Lord, have mercy.

For those who have been diagnosed with Covid 19: Lord, have mercy

For those who care for the sick: for volunteers in contact by telephone or social media; for those undertaking errands; for health care professionals: Lord, have mercy.

For those searching for a cure; that God will grant them his gifts of knowledge and wisdom: Lord, have mercy

For the government and those advising our political and civic leaders: Lord, have mercy.



What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For all the people of the world: that we will live in harmony and peace with one another: Lord, have mercy

For our country during this time of uncertainty; that we can place our trust in God: Lord, have mercy

For our homes, families, relatives and friends: Lord, have mercy

For those concerned for their livelihoods: Lord, have mercy

For myself; that I will trust in God's grace: Lord, have mercy



Pope Francis's Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O
glorious and blessed Virgin.



A Prayer shared by Cardinal Nichols

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

A Spiritual Communion

During this period when there are no public acts of worship and we are unable to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, and on other occasions when it is not possible to participate at Mass, we have the tradition of a Spiritual Communion. When we make a Spiritual Communion we say:

I wish, Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility and devotion which Your Most Holy Mother received You in the spirit and fervour of all the saints. Amen.

Towards the end of your time of prayer:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

Prayer for England

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England your Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in you. By you it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given to the world; and He has given you to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us your children, whom you did receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of your Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with you, in our heavenly home. Amen.

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