

Prayer Fellowship

At home



**You are invited to use these prayers
to help you in your own worship
for the work of our Church
and the life of our community**

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2. For Christmas Pain *Adapted from Roots 25 December 2020 & Roots1 Nov 2020*

We pray for those who are facing a Christmas without someone they love

For whatever reason ...**PAUSE**

Our unique circumstances this year mean many will be alone not just because

A family member or friend has died but because of the isolation placed on us

By the Covid pandemic.

We pray for all of us who feel lonely as a consequence of the Covid restrictions

And miss working with colleagues & socialising with family and friends.

Particularly those who live alone and who may see no human face for days on end,

Especially care for those among our family, friends and neighbours

Who are at the end of their tether due to loss of jobs and lack of money.

You are the God of encounters.

We know that You are always there when we are alone,

But we need to have human company too and to be conscious of people's physical needs.

Help us to be very aware of those we need to get in touch with...now.

And the need for kindness. **Amen**

3. For justice and equality in world society *Adapted from A Chair Pulled to a Place of Prayer p115*

Lord, we feel sadness and anger for all the migrants around the world

Who are so desperate to live in peace and to have economic stability

That they will face death as they leave their homelands

To travel dangerously in search of a new life in strange societies...**PAUSE**

We are thankful for the stories of migrants happily settled into new communities

But wonder about the horrors faced in migrant camps and detention facilities....**PAUSE**

They are our neighbours and yet without your compassion powering us

The outlook for their future seems bleak.

Help us to seize chances to influence our politicians to be compassionate. **Amen**

4. For those who are unwell

Holy Spirit, Light in our darkness, bless those known to us who are ill in mind, body or spirit,

whom we name now in the silence of our hearts.....**PAUSE**

Make them aware of your presence as the Comforter...always with them.

For those awaiting or receiving hospital treatment, we ask

That their medical specialists and nurses have perceptive minds and steady hands

For surgical procedures and therapies.

Then as the sick improve and are convalescent, enable us to send them messages of

encouragement and friendship as visiting is impossible due to Covid 19. **Amen**

Reflection time & time for quiet or open prayers

Closing Prayer

Lord, encourage us to be a blessing to others through our kind actions and attitudes to others

in our lives. **Amen**