



PRAYERS AT HOME

WHEN GATHERING FOR MASS IS NOT POSSIBLE

ST SAVIOUR'S
EASTBOURNE

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather as a Christian Community to celebrate Mass, let us unite ourselves spiritually to the Mass as it is being celebrated in our churches.

You can do this by joining Masses celebrated at St Saviour's which will be streamed over Facebook at the usual times, and 10.30am on Sundays; the prayers and readings for the day can be found at www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings and will be posted alongside the livestream.

If you are unable to do so, you are encouraged to pray the following prayers at the normal time for the celebration of Mass on Sundays or a Weekday or at any other suitable time.

These prayers can be prayed alone
or with your family.

If possible, prepare a suitable prayer space with a crucifix, holy picture or even a simple candle.

Introduction

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

'In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.' *Mt: 18:19-20*

As you light the candle pray:

Lord Jesus you came as a light that shines in darkness and a light that darkness cannot overpower *Jn: 1:5* – enlighten our hearts and minds to your presence in our midst.

Act of Penance

For the times when we have failed to love God and to love each other we ask for God's forgiveness.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy.

We pray (*Pause for Silent Prayer*)

Almighty and merciful God look with compassion on our affliction, and so lighten your children's burden and confirm our faith that we may always trust without hesitation in your fatherly providence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit One God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Listening to God's Word

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along what he knows to be right.

If I walk in the darkness, no evil would I fear.

I know that he will be there, with his crook and with his staff.

The Lord has prepared, such a banquet for me.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow after me.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell all the days of my life. *Psalms 23*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew

'At that time Jesus exclaimed, I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to little children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.' *Mt 11:26-29*

The Gospel of the Lord – Thanks be to God

If you have internet access, you can replace this Gospel reading with the relevant daily readings which are available on www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings

(Pause for a moment of silent reflection on the Gospel)

Intercessions

We bring our needs and prayers before our heavenly Father.

We pray for our world at this time *(Pause for silent prayer)*

Lord grant healing and comfort to those who are afflicted by the Coronavirus.

We pray for our health professionals, our carers, and clergy who are working with those who are sick. *(Pause)*

Lord protect them and strengthen them as they care in your name.

We pray for our civil leaders *(Pause)*

Lord inspire them to make wise decisions in these days.

We pray for our Scientists *(Pause)*

Lord enlighten them as they work to understand what is happening – guide their work as they strive to find ways to treat and protect us.

We pray for those who are anxious in these days *(Pause)*

Lord ease their fears and grant them the consolation of your presence.

We pray for those who suffer in any way at this time – the poor, the hungry, the homeless – those who suffer from persecution, war, violence – those who are depressed, lonely or sad *(Pause)*

Lord help them in their need.

We pray for our families and friends *(by name)* – Lord protect them and look after them.

We pray for a spirit of charity among our fellow country men and women
(Pause)

Lord, at this time of crisis, help the people of our nation to be generous and to look out for and care for each other.

We pause to pray for our own private intentions. *(Pause to mention intentions)*
Lord hear my prayer.

We pray for our loved ones who have died *(Pause)*
Lord enfold them ever more closely in your loving embrace.

Father, we ask you to hear these our prayers and if it be your will to answer them for we make them in faith and love and trust thorough Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As God's family we pray as Jesus himself taught us:

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. **Amen**

While we cannot receive communion at this time we can still make an act of Spiritual Communion in which we express our faith in Jesus and in his presence in the Eucharist and invite him to unite himself with us.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

St Alphonsus de Liguori

(Pause for silent prayer)

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine!

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Concluding Prayer

Let us Pray (*Pause for silent prayer*)

Merciful Lord,
You know the anguish of the sorrowful,
You are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,
And strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness;
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We turn to Our Lady, Comfort of the Afflicted

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ the Lord,
to the Spirit who lives in our hearts, both now and forever.

Amen

Our Lady, Comfort of the afflicted you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your Divine Son, remembering His promise.

'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find'.

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.
Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.
Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.

Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death.

Amen

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.**

Prayer of Blessing

St Michael, the Archangel, Protect and Pray for us. **Amen**

The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us; The Lord turn his face toward us and give us his peace both now and forever. **Amen**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Additional Prayers

Ave Regina

*Ave, Regina caelorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:*

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned.
Hail, by angels mistress owned.
Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn
Whence the world's true light
was born:

*Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.*

Glorious Virgin, Joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see;
Fairest thou, where all are fair,
Plead with Christ our souls to spare.

Prayer for the time of common sickness

O ALMIGHTY God, who in thy wrath didst send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron; and also, in the time of king David, didst slay with the plague of pestilence threescore and ten thousand, and yet remembering thy mercy didst save the rest: Have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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