MORNING PRAYER IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

(FOR WHEN WE CANNOT MEET IN THE CHURCH BUILDINGS)

You may wish to light a candle to remind you of Christ's presence

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.

Nahum 17

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of this age that is passing away may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy surround our steps as we journey on. May we reflect your glory this day and so be ready to see your face in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,, so may the light of your presence O God set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

You may wish to say Psalm 16, 23, or 139 here concluding with

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

You may wish to use the weekly pattern of readings given below or choose a passage of your own: -

Sunday Isaiah 43.1-3a (or Sunday Service readings from weekly notice sheet)

Monday John 14.1-6
Tuesday Philippians 4.8-9
Wednesday Colossians 3.16-17
Thursday Ephesians 2.19-22
Friday Romans 19.9-12
Saturday Luke 12.22-31

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals (for example members of the church or neighbours) and their needs

This prayer may be used

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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 Conclusion

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.