

Prayer from Sunday Worship, BBC1 – Mothering Sunday, 22 March 2020

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... St Paul said ‘be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, make your requests known unto God.’ This doesn’t mean we should have no concerns, we generally can’t manage to do that – but we should turn our worries and uncertainties over all that unsettles us into prayer. So let us pray:

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Holy God, our Heavenly Father, this Mothering Sunday, we pray for the family of the Church, and for the life of all our families. We give thanks for all from whom we have received mothering love, for those still with us, and those who have gone before us into your greater love. Let your love grow among us, and give us generous hearts to share this love with others.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

At this time of uncertainty and distress, we ask you to keep us under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love shown to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the governments of the world and their advisers, for business leaders, and all who take decisions that affect the lives of others. Give them wisdom to know what they should do, and the courage to see it through, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and all who are searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work, many will be restored to health.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are sick or in pain. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength. May we all know that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe, through this life until you bring us home to your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Let us join in saying together the Lord’s Prayer

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.

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May God the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name, strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, and you may know his love, and his courage to face all that life brings you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, evermore, Amen