

*Diocese of Northampton  
Liturgy Commission and NORES*



*COVID19 – 4 – 20 March 2020*

*While we continue our insistent prayer for the world caught up in this crisis we remember our new bishop, David, as he begins his ministry with us. From now on it is his name we will, us in the Eucharistic Prayer, but we continue to pray also for Bishop Emeritus Peter as he begins his retirement. This is part of the first Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation, and over these weeks we will offer similar excerpts for our prayer when mass is not celebrated publicly.*

Be pleased to keep us always in communion of mind and heart,  
together with FRANCIS our Pope and DAVID our Bishop.  
Help us to work together for the coming of your Kingdom,  
until the hour when we stand before you, Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven,  
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the blessed Apostles and all the Saints,  
and with our deceased brothers and sisters, whom we humbly commend to your mercy.

Then, freed at last from the wound of corruption and made fully into a new creation,  
we shall sing to you with gladness the thanksgiving of Christ, who lives for all eternity.

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## **Can we encourage everyone to join this ecumenical initiative?**

### **Light a candle of hope: A national call to prayer**

*Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a call to prayer in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. This is for all churches and people of prayer to join.....*

“This Mothering Sunday, 22 March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Whether you are continuing to worship as congregations or not, we have the great privilege and freedom to be able to call upon God, wherever we are, individually and corporately, for healing in our nation. We would pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus, for those working in health and social care, and especially for the most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions.

There are already stories being told of wonderful acts of kindness across neighbourhoods. Alongside your prayers, take the opportunity to telephone or email someone who is isolated, buy some additional food for your local foodbank, or offer to deliver shopping for an elderly neighbour. We may not be able to touch physically, but we can make connections in so many other ways.....”

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7