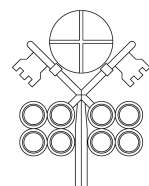
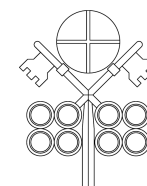


He shall cover you with his wings,  
and you shall be safe under his feathers;  
**his faithfulness shall be my shield and buckler.**  
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
**nor of the arrow that flies by day;**  
Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
**nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.**  
Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
**and the Most High my stronghold,**  
There shall no evil happen to you,  
**neither shall any plague come near my tent.**  
For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
**to keep me in all my ways.**

We lift up our eyes to the hills;  
**from where is our help to come?**  
Our help comes from the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**  
He will not suffer your foot to stumble  
**he who watches over you will not sleep.**  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The Lord himself watches over you;  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
**neither the moon by night.**  
The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
**it is he who shall keep your soul.**  
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
**from this time forth for evermore.**



## Prayers for Protection and Peace



From time to time requests are made to the clergy for help from those who feel oppressed by evil in some way or who have been disturbed by various manifestations in places where they live or work. The clergy are always willing to respond to such requests, whether to talk and/or pray with people or, for example, to bless a home. Those involved in such situations are often fearful, and may suffer considerable emotional distress.

The following prayers from Common Worship (the authorized prayers of the Church of England) are offered in case any Christian person may wish to use them where it would be pastorally helpful to pray with those suffering from a sense of disturbance or unrest. Individuals or families might also want to use them for themselves. It is important to be clear (for ourselves and for others) that these prayers do not represent exorcism or deliverance.

Exorcism may only be exercised by priests specially authorized by the bishop, who normally requires that permission be obtained from him for each specific exercise of such ministry. It is only performed as a last resort when all other avenues (spiritual and medical) have been pursued.

Please do feel free to contact any member of the parish clergy about these matters at any time, either directly or through the parish office on (01902) 4226421.

### **Prayer for a person or persons in need**

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble,  
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
Send you help from his sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion;  
Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;  
Grant you your heart's desire and fulfil all your mind.

**Amen.** *Psalm 20.1-4*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now in his risen power,  
enter into your body and spirit,  
take from you all that harms and hinders you,  
and fill you with his healing and his peace.

**Amen.**

Christ be with you: Christ within you;  
Christ before you: Christ behind you;  
Christ on your right: Christ on your left;  
Christ above you: Christ beneath you;  
Christ around you: now and ever.

Bind unto yourself the name, the strong name of the Trinity;  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.  
of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
praise the Lord of your salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, heavenly Father,  
breathe your Holy Spirit into the heart of this your servant N  
and inspire *him/her* with love for goodness and truth.  
May *he/she*, fearing only you, have no other fear;  
knowing your compassion, be ever mindful of your love;  
and serving you faithfully unto death, live eternally with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer for a place**

Visit, Lord, we pray, this place  
and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy.  
Let your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace,  
and may your blessing be upon it evermore;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Christaraksha - an Indian Prayer for a person before sleep**

May the cross of the Son of God,  
which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan  
and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven,  
abide with you in your going out and in your coming in.  
By day and by night, at morning and at evening,  
at all times and in all places may it protect and defend you.  
From the wrath of evildoers, from the assaults of evil spirits,  
from foes visible and invisible, from the snares of the devil,  
from all passions that beguile the soul and body:  
may it guard, protect and deliver you.

**Amen.**

### **Prayers of trust in God** (based on Psalm 91 & 121)

*Where two or more people are together, these prayers can be led by one person and the others say the words in **bold type**.*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
**and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,**  
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,  
**my God, in whom I put my trust.'**  
For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
**and from the deadly pestilence.**