



Opening Words:

Today we come together
to remember before God those who have died
from COVID-19

To offer our prayers

To commend their souls to God

And to ask for comfort for all who mourn.

Let us pray

God our refuge and strength,

close at hand in our distress;

meet us in our sorrow and lift our eyes

to the peace and light of your constant care.

Help us so to hear your word of grace

that fear will be dispelled by your love,

loneliness eased by your presence

and hope renewed by your promises

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

² **My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ **He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour,

and to care for those in need

as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength

to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,

and to assure the isolated

of our love, and your love,

for your name's sake.

Amen.

Merciful God,

whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,

surround the families who have lost loved ones

with **your** love,

that they may know your gentleness in their

grief,

have confidence in your goodness

and strength to meet the days to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, you are the Light of the World,

illuminate our understanding;

Lord, you are the Good Shepherd,

enfold us in your love;

Lord you are the Way, the Truth and the Life,

guide us along our earthly path;

Lord, you are the Bread of Life,

fill us with your power;

Lord, you are the Resurrection and the Life,

give us eternal life,

Amen.

God of compassion,
we pray for those who mourn across this
province of Alberta
and we pray for those whose need of you is
very great.
May they embrace your promise of eternal life
and, in their grief, receive your gifts of peace,
hope, joy and faith;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gracious God,
nothing in death or life,
in the world as it is or the world as it shall be,
nothing in all creation
can separate us from your love.
We commend *those who have died*
into your loving care.
Enfold *them* in the arms of your mercy.
Bless *them* in *their* rising again in you.
Bless those whose hearts are filled with
sadness,
that they too
may know the hope of resurrection;
for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

God our Maker,
in loving care your hand created us,
just as a potter fashions clay
you formed us in your image.
Through your Spirit
you breathed into us the gift of life.
In the sharing of love
you enriched our knowledge
of you and of one another.
We claim your love today,
as we remember those who have died
Amen.

Music or Silent Reflection

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Father of all,
We pray to you for those we love
but see no longer,
Grant them your peace
Let light perpetual shine upon them
And in your loving wisdom and almighty power
Work in them the good purpose
of your perfect will
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
One God, now and for ever
Amen

The Blessing

Christ the Good Shepherd enfold us with love,
fill us with peace,
and lead us in hope,
to the end of our days;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.