

Hello everyone. It's very strange not seeing you every day – and especially on days when I would normally do an assembly with you.

If you would like to do collective worship with your family, perhaps you could say a prayer like our school prayer. You could say:

Dear God

Please bless our family, that working together, and playing together, we may learn to serve you and to serve one another.

Amen.

You could think together about the ways in which you can help people today, perhaps by cheering them up with a phone call or a facetime chat, perhaps by helping you parents with some jobs, or by staying indoors and creating a poster to say 'thank you' to the key workers.

If you would like to say a prayer about the way you are feeling about these very strange times and about coronavirus, you could use this one:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Cheer 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Or for the NHS, you could say:

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember, if you want to talk to God, but you just don't know what to say, you all know the prayer that Jesus taught us to say, the Lord's prayer.

Please don't feel as though you are on your own; you have your Parochial family thinking of you and wishing you well and you have God's love and blessings on you always.

Mrs Walton