

Household Prayers at the beginning/the end of Curfew

*The service commences at 8pm or 5am.
The leader may begin by saying:*

Peace be to this home, and all who live in it.
Amen.

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A candle is lit and placed in the window of the home.

The following intercessions may be used:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord:
whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness
but will have the light of life.

*We pray for our church:
for Philip, our Archbishop,
for our episcopate/diocesan Bishop [the
ministries listed in our cycle of prayer]
and our home churches.*

May we who bear Christ's name,
shine his life-giving light into the darkness of
this night/this day.

Jesus, light of life,
hear your people:
and answer our prayer.

I have come as light into the world,
says the Lord:
everyone who believes in me
should not remain in the darkness.

*We pray for our world, longing for light
and life:
for Scott, our Prime Minister,
for Dan, our Premier, for the Chief
Medical Officers and Health Officials of
our nation and state [and those in our
community working to contain the
spread of Covid19].*

May we who bear Christ's name,
shine his life-giving light into the darkness of
this night/this day.

Jesus, light of life,
hear your people:
and answer our prayer.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

*We pray for all for those struggling with
the effects of Covid19:
For those infected and in hospital, those
fearful of infection, those in self isolation,
those who have lost their jobs and
livelihood, those who are fearful of the
future [and us all as we enter/end
tonight's curfew].*

May we who bear Christ's name,
shine his life-giving light
into the darkness of this night/this day.

Jesus, light of life,
hear your people:
and answer our prayer.

Believe in the light, so that you may become
children of light.

*We pray for all for whom these days are
dark and difficult.
We pray for our neighbours and loved
ones.*

May we who bear Christ's name,
shine his life-giving light into the darkness of
this night/this day.

Jesus, light of life,
hear your people:
and answer our prayer.

In Christ is life, and the life is the light of all people.

We entrust into Christ's eternal light all those who have died, those who have died of Covid19 this day, those who mourn them. We pray for our own departed loved ones, whom we recall with thanksgiving.

May we who bear Christ's name, shine his life-giving light into the darkness of this night/this day.

Jesus, light of life,
hear your people:
and answer our prayer.

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The evening or morning collect concludes the prayers:

At the beginning of curfew

Lighten our darkness, Lord we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

At the end of curfew

Lord and heavenly Father you have brought us safely to the beginning of this new day: keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin, and guard us from every kind of danger, and in all that we do direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**