

A prayer for this time

This prayer will be recited together by Christians of all denominations all over Scotland at 7 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 5th 2020.

Living God, for the precious gift of life that you have given to us, we give you thanks.
For the enduring presence of your love in this world, we give you thanks.
For the knowledge that you are with us at the close of the day, we give you thanks.
On this day, we hear the Gospel words that speak of hope, we hear the cry: Hosanna!
We hear the Gospel words that speak of promise,
we hear the cry: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

On this day, we journey in hope as we trust in your promise.
Lord, as we journey into the Holy Week to come,
we are conscious that we share in the life of the world.
We are conscious of the presence of those who are near to us,
and of those from whom we are apart.
Whether near, or far, embrace us all in your love.

Lord, we are conscious of others,
whose life and work is woven into the fabric of our society,
and upon whom we now depend.
We pray for them:

for delivery drivers and posties,
for refuse collectors and cleaners,
for police officers and care workers,
Protect them and keep them safe.

For nurses and doctors,
for scientists and surgeons,
for midwives and ambulance drivers,
protect them and watch over them.

For those who govern on our behalf,
for those who make decisions that impact upon us all,
for all who shape our common life,
protect them and increase their wisdom and understanding.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer,
and grant us faith to journey into the week to come,
assured of the presence of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.