

A special welcome to St Martin's Church,
Knebworth.

This leaflet is "single use" for you to use
during your time here today. *Please feel free
to take this sheet home with you or in put it the
bin near the exit as you leave.*

St Martin's Church has been a place of prayer
for the people of Knebworth for over 100
years; it holds the hopes, fears, and memories
of countless generations within its walls.
Whoever you are and whatever you bring to
God today you are welcome, and we pray
that you will know God's love and peace
here. We hope that this leaflet will help
guide you as you pray.

You are welcome to sit and pray in the
holiness of this place; please keep an
appropriate distance from anyone else.

A Prayer Guide

Take a moment to be still and let your
breathing slow, listen to the sounds around
you and gradually allow them to become no
more than background sounds.
Hold silence for a few moments and allow the
words on this leaflet guide your prayers.

Drawing near to God

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

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.

Shield us, Lord, from all evil,
and lift us from apathy and despair,
that even when we are terrified,
we may trust your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers for others

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.

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them
safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus Light of the world,
Shine wherever there is darkness today.
Where there is pain and sorrow,
May the brilliance of your love bring joy.
Where there is sickness and suffering,
May your healing touch bring sunshine after
the storm.
Where there is greed and corruption,
May your radiance scatter the shadows.
Where there is hatred and bitterness,

May your brightness dispel the clouds.
Lord Jesus, Light of the world
Rise again upon us we pray
And illumine the darkness of this world,
Through your life giving grace. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory for ever and ever,
Amen.

Black Lives Matter

Lord, you made us all in your image.
We are all equal because we are equally loved
by you.
Forgive us our complicity in the racism which
disfigures our common life.
Forgive our failure to recognise the
mechanisms of prejudice in our society
because we are so used to them and profit
from them.
Forgive us the wealth or status we enjoy
because others have been systematically
excluded or downgraded.
Lord teach us to give to each other the value
you give to us all.
Help us mean it when we pray 'Your kingdom
come' by building a world of genuinely equal
opportunity, equal acceptance, and equal
justice.
We ask it for your love's sake, Amen.

Words of hope

Let nothing disturb you,
nothing frighten you;
all things are passing,
God never changes!
Patient endurance attains to all things;
who so ever God holds

in nothing is wanting;
God alone is enough

Seeking God's blessing

The arms of God be around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my
nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my
lips,
The work of God's church with my hands,
The service of God and my neighbour in my
feet,
And a home for God in my heart,
And to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit my
entire being.
Amen.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us
peace.
Amen.

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bless you and those you love and pray for.*

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online worship on Sundays. Please email;
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