

## Prayer for the NHS

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- Prayers please for all the NHS workers who are themselves suffering with the virus
- For those working under the stress and pressure caused by it.
- For all those coming out of retirement to help and the 750,000 volunteers.
- Against fear among staff, people put on a brave face, but most are scared.
- For psychological protection as many newer nurses and doctors will not have had to deal with death (especially in such numbers).
- Some patients die alone without their family present and this is a reality for many patients whether they have covid or not.
- For logistics: for enough Personal protective equipment, soap, scrubs, other equipment for patients and staff.
- For staff who have isolated themselves from parents, partners or children due to safety concerns... one nurse was crying because she had sent her child to live with her Mum for safety.
- For frayed tempers as all staff are under pressure – pray for few disputes between doctors, nurses, admin staff.
- Many are not sleeping: for sleep, and good diet at this time.
- Some NHS trusts have one in 4 staff off sick: for a reduction in sickness levels.
- For God to use this crisis to permanently alter the atmosphere in the NHS, many people feel there has been a great pulling together of departments that would often be at odds with one another.
- For protection of nursing homes and Carers. If one patient gets Covid all residents are at high risk.
- Porters, cleaners, administrators are often overlooked and are at high risk, prayer for these, that they will feel important, looked after by the whole team.

- For protection of NHS reception staff during hospital admissions.
  - Mental health crisis is surging as is drug withdrawal and alcohol withdrawal, pray that this will be an ideal opportunity for people to kick addictive habits.
  - For stamina for GP's who are working very hard to keep people out of hospital... for safety in decision making as many consultations take place over the phone and protection from infection. GPs can sometimes be at higher risk of infection in the wider community as it is not clear in the early stages who is sick with covid.
  - That in a fearful and anxious time that medical professionals would stand in their confidence of Jesus.
  - Prayer for the Challenging ethical dilemmas forced on Healthcare workers by Covid 19, that they would have unusual wisdom in what to do.
  - Prayer for the 11 service, for the call handling and remote advice given.
  - For Paramedic and Ambulance teams working around the clock to attend to calls around our Family of Nations.
  - Pray for the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, for wisdom and clear direction and for all NHS Trust Leaders and Administrators who struggle with the huge changes they have faced in recent weeks.
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