Prayer at the Sound of Bells

(Light candle)

In the name of God, the Creator, the Redeemer, the Spirit. We are gathered in God’s name. In different places, but at the same time. To meet God. And to pray together. For the weak. For the strong. Yes, for us.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

“Come,” my heart says, “see his face!” Your face, Lord do I seek.

God, we stand before your face. We ask you for the people who need you especially now. So, we pray for the sick. (Especially for those we remember by name...). We also pray for everyone who cares for the sick: for doctors, nurses, rescue workers and medical assistants, for those who never tire of caring for others. For everyone who works now to ensure our care and safety.

We pray to you for the people with whom our thoughts are now: [remember names]. They all need your help.

And we also pray for ourselves: Take our worries and our fear. Give us courage and imagination and confidence. Help us find a way where we can offer help. Give us your spirit so that we will not feel helpless, but that we will know we are held by you. And we pray that panic does not seize us. But level-headedness. And calm. And reassurance. Because you watch over us and remain by our side. In that we trust.

Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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 for ever. Amen.

And so God blesses us.
With the love of a Mother.
With the support of God’s Son
and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

(Extinguish candle)

Translated from prayers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany.