

Find simple ways to deal with loneliness and isolation.Â

1. **Pray. Light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.**
2. **Talk about how you feel.** This may be difficult if you are self-isolating, but do use the telephone, internet, and social media. If you need to contact a counsellor this can be arranged by your GP, or via local agencies, or privately. TheÂ [Samaritans are there](#)Â 24 hours a day, every day, and itâ€™s free to call them on 116 123.
3. **Focus on the things that you can change, not on the things you canâ€™t.**
4. **Look after yourself - physically, emotionally, spiritually.** Plan in things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day â€™ a TV programme, a phone call, a book, a favourite dish, a game.
5. **Look after others. Even if only in small ways, but do what you can:** a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.

A mockup of 'dealing with loneliness and isolation'.

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- [Public Health Matters information on the importance of self-isolation](#)
- [Mind loneliness advice](#)
- [Samaritans website](#)

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