

# PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS DURING COVID-19

*(Compiled from various sources)*

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# LITANIES

## LITANY OF SAINTS

An ancient tradition of the Church prays the Litany of Saints in times of trouble, to ask for the prayers of the saints and the mercy of God. The names of other saints may be added to this list.

### I. PRAYER TO GOD

A. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### II. INVOCATION OF THE SAINTS

After each invocation, the response is pray for us

Holy Mary, pray for us.  
Holy Mother of God,  
Most honoured of all virgins,  
Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Holy Angels of God,

### PROPHETS AND FATHERS OF OUR FAITH

Saints Abraham  
Saint Moses  
Saint Elijah,  
Saint John the Baptist,  
Saint Joseph,  
Holy patriarchs and prophets,

### APOSTLES AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,  
Saint Andrew,  
Saint John and Saint James,  
Saint Thomas,  
Saint Matthew,  
All holy apostles,

Saint Luke,  
Saint Mark,  
Saint Barnabas,  
Saint Mary Magdalene,

All holy disciples of the Lord,

### MARTYRS

Saint Stephen,  
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,  
Saint Polycarp,  
Saint Justin,  
Saint Lawrence,  
Saint Cyprian,  
Saint Boniface,  
Saint Stanislaus,  
Saint Thomas Becket,  
Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More,  
Saint Paul Miki,  
Saint Isaac Jogues and Saint John de Brebeuf,  
Saint Peter Chanel,  
Saint Charles Lwanga,  
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,  
Saint Agnes,  
Saint Maria Goretti,  
All holy martyrs for Christ,

### BISHOPS AND DOCTORS

Saint Leo and Saint Gregory,  
Saint Ambrose,  
Saint Jerome,  
Saint Augustine,  
Saint Athanasius,  
Saint Basil and Saint Gregory,  
Saint John Chrysostom,  
Saint Martin,  
Saint Patrick,  
Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius,  
Saint Charles Borromeo,  
Saint Francis de Sales  
Saint Pius X,

## PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Saint Anthony,  
Saint Benedict,  
Saint Bernard,  
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,  
Saint Thomas Aquinas,  
Saint Ignatius Loyola,  
Saint Francis Xavier,  
Saint Vincent de Paul,  
Saint John Vianney,  
Saint John Bosco,  
Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Saint Theresa of Jesus,  
Saint Rose,

## LAITY

Saint Louis,  
Saint Monica,  
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,  
All holy men and women, saints of God

## III. INVOCATION OF CHRIST

*After each invocation, the response is* Lord, deliver us we pray

Lord be merciful, **Lord, deliver us we pray.**  
From all evil  
From every sin,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From anger and hatred,  
From every evil intention,  
From everlasting death,  
By your coming as man,  
By your birth,  
By your baptism and fasting,  
By your sufferings and cross,  
By your death and burial,  
By your rising to new life,  
By your return in glory to the Father,  
By your gift of the Holy Spirit,  
By your coming again in glory,

*After each invocation, the response is* Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer

Lord, be merciful to us, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Give us true repentance,  
Raise our thoughts and desires to you,  
Save us from final damnation,  
Save our friends and all who have helped us,  
Grant eternal rest to all who have died in the faith,  
Spare us from disease, hunger, and war,  
Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony  
Govern and protect your holy Church,  
Keep the pope and all the ordained in faithful service to your Church,  
Bring all Christians together in unity,  
Lead all people to the light of the Gospel,

Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.**

Christ, graciously hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

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*Let us pray*

O God, who see that in our weakness we fail, mercifully restore us to your love by the example of your Saints.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Or:**

O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or:

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in  
sickness,  
our comfort in sorrow,  
spare your people, we pray,  
that, though rightly chastised now by affliction,  
they may find relief at last through your loving  
mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or:

Almighty and merciful God,  
look with compassion on our affliction,  
and so lighten your children's burden and  
confirm their faith,  
that they may always trust without hesitation  
in your fatherly providence  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or:

O God, who know that because of human  
frailty  
we cannot stand firm amid such great dangers,  
grant us health of mind and body,  
that what we suffer for our sins  
we may overcome with your help  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## LITANY OF SUPPLICATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(used by the Holy Father Pope Francis during the extraordinary *Urbi et Orbi* blessing.)

**After each invocation, the response is** We adore  
you, O Lord

True God and true man, truly present in this  
holy Sacrament. **We adore you, O Lord**  
Our Savior, God with us, faithful and rich in  
mercy  
King and Lord of creation and of history  
Conqueror of sin and death  
Friend of humankind, the Risen One, the  
Living One who sits at the right hand of the  
Father.

**After each invocation, the response is** We  
believe in you, O Lord

Only begotten Son of the Father, descended  
from heaven for our salvation  
Heavenly physician, who bows down over our  
misery  
Lamb who was slain, who offer yourself to  
rescue us from evil  
Good Shepherd, who give your life for the flock  
which you love  
Living bread and medicine for immortality,  
who give us eternal life

**After each invocation, the response is** Deliver  
us, O Lord

From the power of Satan and the seductions of  
the world  
From the pride and presumption of being able  
to do anything without you  
From the deceptions of fear and anxiety  
From unbelief and desperation  
From hardness of heart and the incapacity to  
love

**After each invocation, the response is** Save us,  
O Lord

From every evil that afflicts humanity  
From hunger, from famine and from egoism  
From illnesses, epidemics and the fear of our  
brothers and sisters  
From devastating madness, from ruthless  
interests and from violence  
From being deceived, from false information  
and the manipulation of consciences

**After each invocation, the response is** Comfort  
us, O Lord

Protect your Church which crosses the desert  
Protect humanity terrified by fear and anguish  
Protect the sick and the dying, oppressed by  
loneliness  
Protect doctors and healthcare providers  
exhausted by the difficulties they are facing  
Protect politicians and decision makers who  
bear the weight of having to make decisions

**After each invocation, the response is** Grant us  
your Spirit, O Lord

In the hour of trial and from confusion  
In temptation and in our fragility  
In the battle against evil and sin  
In the search for what is truly good and true joy  
in the decision to remain in you and in your  
friendship

**After each invocation, the response is** Open us  
to hope, O Lord

Should sin oppress us  
Should hatred close our hearts  
Should sorrow visit us  
Should indifference cause us anguish  
Should death overwhelm us.

Let us pray



Almighty and eternal God,  
our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in  
our distress;  
in faith we pray:  
look with compassion on the afflicted,  
grant eternal rest to the dead,  
comfort to mourners,  
healing to the sick,

peace to the dying,  
strength to healthcare workers,  
wisdom to our leaders  
and the courage to reach out to all in love,  
so that together we may give glory to your holy  
name.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF TRUST AND PROTECTION

## BREASTPLATE OF ST. PATRICK

(from the Irish Bishop's Conference)

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE ANXIOUS

(from the Church of England)

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE WORRIED

(from the Church of England.)

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need  
and heal the sick in body and mind.  
Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.  
Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions  
that separate us from you and from one another.  
Give us grace to live our lives  
confident in your promise that you are with us always. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE ANXIOUS

(from Fr. Goyo Hidalgo)

Lord, help me  
be prepared, but not anxious;  
be aware, but not desperate;

be vigilant, but not in fear;  
be joyful, but not clueless;  
be faithful, but not careless.  
Lord, be my hope and strength.

### **PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEACE**

*(from Christian Aid)*

Loving God, strengthen our innermost being  
with your love that bears all things  
even the weight of this global pandemic  
even the long haul of watching for symptoms  
of patiently waiting for this to pass  
watching and waiting,  
keeping our gaze fixed on you,  
and looking out for our neighbours near and far.

Instill in our shaken souls  
the belief and hope that all things  
are possible with your creative love:  
for strangers to become friends  
for science to source solutions  
for resources to be generously shared  
so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need  
for your perfect love that knows no borders  
may cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.

May your love that never ends  
be our comfort, strength and guide  
for the wellbeing of all and your greater glory. Amen.

### **EASTER PRAYER OF CONFIDENCE**

*(from the Maronite Eparchy of St. Maroun of Sydney)*

Amid fear and sadness,  
Risen Christ be my peace and my joy!  
Amid weakness and struggle,  
Risen Christ be my power and my strength!  
Amid sickness and death,  
Risen Christ be my healing and my life!  
Amid the unknown future,  
Risen Christ be my hope and my way!  
Amen.

## **A DAILY PRAYER**

*(from the World Council of Churches)*

God of life,  
you have promised to be with us every day,  
also in difficult days, like in times like these.  
Give us clarity in our minds,  
strength in our work and discernment,  
rest as we sleep, peace in our minds.  
Be with those who need help  
more than we do ourselves  
help us to see what we can offer  
from your love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PRAYERS BY THOSE WHO ARE SICK

## PRAYER BY THE SICK 1

(J.A. Krebs)

I bless myself in the name of the Lord.  
May the Lord, who has made heaven and earth,  
bless me from Sion .  
May the Lord bless and guard me.  
May the Lord turn his face to me and be gracious to me.  
May the Lord give me His peace.  
May the angel of the Lord assist me.  
May the Lord relieve me on my bed of suffering.  
May the Lord be merciful unto me,  
and not take into account my sins,  
and heal me from all my weaknesses.  
May the Lord avert everlasting death from me,  
and crown me with mercy and abundance of grace.  
The Lord guard and preserve my soul now and forever. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with me to defend me,  
within me to refresh me,  
surrounding me to guard me,  
before me to guide me,  
behind me to protect me,  
above me that He may in every way shelter and bless me.  
May the Holy Spirit descend and dwell with me  
and the Blessed Trinity fill my heart with every good  
forever and ever. Amen.

## ACT OF OFFERING OF SUFFERING

(J.A. Krebs, alt.)

Beloved Jesus, I most willingly accept  
and offer to you this sickness.  
I am fearful and afraid, be with me.  
Into your loving Heart  
I lay all my sufferings and pains.  
I ask you to unite them with your sacred Passion  
and to perfect them through its power.  
I join also in the praise you offered to God,

even while you suffered terrible agony on the Cross  
- give me the grace of this confidence and trust.  
Even though it is difficult,  
I offer to the Father  
all my interior and exterior fears and sufferings  
in union with your sacred Passion  
and with the same love with which you offered Him  
all the torments and suffering you endured.  
Joined with you and made perfect by you,  
may it be used to bring about God's glory  
and the salvation of souls. Amen.

## **PRAYER BY THE SICK 2**

*(from the Church of England.)*

O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate me  
from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.

# PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK 1

(from the Roman Missal)

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,  
hear our prayers for your servants (*names*) who are sick with coronavirus:  
grant them, we implore you, your merciful help,  
so that, with their health restored,  
they may give you thanks in the midst of your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK 2

(from the Pastoral Care of the Sick, alt.)

Father, in your love  
you gave us your Son Jesus  
to help us rise triumphant over grief and pain.  
Look on your children (*names*) who are sick with coronavirus  
and see in their sufferings those of your Son.  
Grant them/ (*names*) a share in the strength  
you granted your Son  
and let them know of your goodness, kindness, and loving care  
in their hour of loneliness and fear.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK 3

(from the Pastoral Care of the Sick, alt.)

Father in heaven,  
grant your servants who are sick with the coronavirus  
comfort in their suffering.  
When they are afraid, give them courage,  
when afflicted, give them patience,  
when dejected, afford them hope,  
and when alone, assure them of your continual presence,  
the prayers of all the angels and saints,  
and the support of your holy people.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE SICK 4**

*(from the Church of England)*

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

## **PRAYER FOR THE SICK 5**

*(from the Book of Blessings, alt.)*

Lord Jesus,  
who went about doing good and healing all,  
we ask you to bless your servants who are sick with coronavirus.  
Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.  
Let them recover their health,  
so that they may joyfully praise your name,  
for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE SICK 6**

*(from the Book of Blessings, alt.)*

Lord you sent your Son into the world  
to bear our infirmities  
and to endure our sufferings.  
For your servants who are sick with the coronavirus,  
we ask that your blessing will give them strength  
to overcome their weakness  
through the power of patience and the comfort of hope  
and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE SICK 7**

*(J. A Krebs, alt.)*

O Almighty God,  
whom every creature obeys,  
and at whose command  
every kind of infirmity or illness is removed,  
hear my prayer for your servants suffering from this pandemic:



hold out to them the hand of your mercy  
and heal them of every sickness of body and soul.  
Fill them with the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,  
that he may at all times protect, enlighten and preserve them  
from evil of body and soul.  
Place your holy angel at their side,  
that he may heal them as he healed Tobias of old.  
O God the Father, you created them: bless and heal them.  
O God the Son, you suffered for them, bless and heal them;  
O God the Holy Spirit, you sanctified them, bless and heal me!  
O Lord Jesus Christ  
by your holy Cross bless them;  
by your holy Cross heal them;  
by your holy Cross preserve them,  
that they may obtain eternal life. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK 8**

(J. A Krebs, alt.)

Jesus my Savior, I am worried about (*name*)  
and those who are sick.  
Since I cannot visit him/her/them  
I ask you to send your angels and saints  
to be with them, comfort them,  
and assure them of your presence.  
To your Sacred Heart, Lord Jesus,  
I commit the soul of this sick person.  
Come to help him/her/them  
whom you redeemed with your Precious Blood.  
Give them the help of your Mother,  
the Comforter of the Afflicted and Health of the Sick,  
who stood at the foot of the Cross,  
and the guidance of your guardian angel  
to guide his/her/their soul and body to you,  
in whose hands are comfort, joy and healing. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK 9**

(George Appleton, alt.)

Lord, we pray for all who are weighed down  
with the mystery of suffering during this pandemic;  
reveal yourself to them as the God of love  
who bears all our sufferings.  
Grant your peace amidst fear,  
that we may know

that suffering borne in fellowship with you,  
is not waste or frustration,  
but can be turned into goodness and blessings.  
Through him who on the cross  
suffered rejection and hatred, loneliness and despair,  
agonizing pain and physical death  
and rose victorious from the dead,  
conquering and to conquer,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO WILL DIE TODAY**

*(from ICEL 1998 Sacramentary, alt..)*

Almighty and merciful God,  
always and everywhere you reveal your love for all creatures.  
Hear our prayers for those who will die today,  
that, redeemed by the blood of your Son  
and freed from sin,  
they may go forth from this world  
with peace and trust in you  
and rest for ever in the embrace of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

## PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ISOLATION

(from the Church of England)

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER IN ISOLATION

(from Christian Aid)

God of heaven and earth,  
in these times of isolation,  
apart from loved ones, distant from friends  
and away from neighbours,  
we thank you that there is nothing in all of creation,  
not even coronavirus,  
that is able to separate us from your love.  
And may your love that never fails  
continue to be shared  
through the kindness of strangers  
looking out for each other,  
for neighbours near and far  
all recognising our shared vulnerability,  
each of us grateful for every breath,  
and willing everyone to know the gift  
of a full and healthy life.  
Keep us all in your care  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY

(from the 1998 ICEL Sacramentary)

Since you, O God, are with us,  
nothing that has happened, nothing still to come,  
can rob us of our hope in Christ.  
Sustain us, we beg you, in these present trials;  
bind us now, more than ever,

to you and to each other,  
so that we may triumph  
by the power of him who loves us,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever

## **PRAYER FOR SOCIAL COHESION**

*(from the Church of England)*

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 care for the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR LEADERS**

*(from the Australian Bishop's Conference, alt.)*

Lord God, Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders  
called to serve us in our nation and its states.  
May they respond to the challenges of this affliction  
with prudence and sound judgement.  
With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens,  
compensate for losses, protect employment  
and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR LEADERS**

*(from the Bishops of England and Wales)*

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all,  
you call us to the service of others.  
Grant to those who govern the community  
the skill to recognise its urgent needs  
and the strength to pursue the common good.  
Endow us all with patience and courage,  
that we may care for the suffering,  
feed the hungry, shelter the homeless,  
and sustain the needy.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER BY MEDICAL WORKERS**

*(from the Archdiocese of Dublin, alt.)*

For each person in my care, O loving God,  
open my heart to their healing need.  
Strengthen me. Give me wisdom  
as you guide me in my care for the sick.  
Help me to see  
the presence of the suffering and risen Jesus  
in each person I care for  
and to know always  
that you look at me, O Lord,  
through the eyes of the sick  
and that you love each of us  
as we give and receive care from each other.  
Protect me from sickness, and take away my fears,  
so that I might offer my best care  
to you who come to me  
in those I care for . Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR MEDICAL WORKERS**

*(from Christian Aid, alt.)*

Restoring and healing God,  
thank you for medical workers everywhere,  
embodying sacrificial love in these challenging times  
putting the welfare of others before their own  
staying away from their family and loved ones  
comforting the concerned and bereaved  
reassuring the anxious and vulnerable  
working to heal and restore people who are ill.  
Be their guide, strength, wisdom and hope.

We pray for those in authority to do right by them  
for proper protective equipment to be provided  
and for their dedication to be met with much gratitude  
and appreciation when they return home, exhausted.

And we pray for medical workers around the world,  
where resources and protective equipment  
are always in short supply, not only now but always.  
May these extraordinary times  
lead to deep and necessary changes in how our world works,  
resulting in a genuine effort to address the needs of all

and to work together to create the community and world  
that reflects your will and plan for humanity.  
Help us by your grace  
without which we can do nothing,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR MEDICAL WORKERS & RESEARCHERS**

*(from the PCUSA, alt.)*

Compassionate God,  
from the shores of the river Jordan to the steps of the Temple Mount,  
you have cared for the well-being of your people.  
Your healing teaches us your compassion for our frailty.  
Thank you for caring for us no matter our status in this world.  
We ask your blessing on those who imitate you  
as they provide the ministry of healing to all those in need.  
Guide, bless, and encourage your faithful health care servants  
who willingly put their own health and safety at risk  
to confront sickness and disease.  
Enable them to relieve suffering and assist in the healing process.  
Lord, you loved us enough to walk in our midst  
on a disease-filled Earth.  
Even now, abide in with us  
and surround all engaged in the healing sciences and arts.  
Bless them as they labor for you  
in stressful, anxious, and sometimes threatening settings.  
Keep them close in your loving embrace.  
Guide researchers as they seek greater understanding of your universe  
and develop vaccines and treatments which will reduce suffering and death.  
Enable suppliers who ensure materials and equipment are available as needed  
using creativity as they sometimes seek to do more with less.  
Encourage the families of health care workers  
as they support them in their call,  
knowing that through their loved ones,  
lives are saved and your tenderness is known.  
Provide your health care servants rest  
during wearisome hours of constant demand.  
Dispense comfort in moments of loss or setback.  
Grant peace that goes beyond human understanding.  
In our present surroundings which tempt us to despair,  
may we all come together as part of your global community  
and embrace the love of Christ for all precious souls.  
Help us overcome our fears and unite across all borders of every type

to share, manufacture, support and supply knowledge, equipment, and resources.  
In your mercy Lord, grant health.  
Bless those you have called to be your hands and feet in healing and the provision of care.  
May they always know how thankful we are  
for their gifts, service, and sacrifice,  
which is the reflection of your grace, power and love  
Hear our prayer, O Lord Jesus,  
who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR HOSPITAL STAFF AND MEDICAL RESEARCHERS**

*(from the Church of England)*

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.

### **PRAYER FOR HOSPITAL STAFF**

*(from the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales, alt. )*

Wondrous God, author of life,  
you fashioned us in your likeness  
and breathed into us  
the life which is your own.  
Be with those whose special care  
is the health of mind and body.  
Fill their hearts with awe  
for the life which is your gift  
and sustain them daily in your service,  
that their hands may bring to others,  
especially those affected by this pandemic,  
the comfort of your healing touch.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR RESEARCHERS**

*(from the Australian Bishop's Conference)*

Come, Holy Spirit,  
enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science  
who are working to find a solution  
to this viral infection.

Guide their research  
and help them discover what you provide in creation,  
sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing.  
Strengthen them in their tiring work  
and enrich in them the virtue of hope. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

*(from the Irish Bishop's Conference)*

Loving God, we place into your care  
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.  
Give them courage of heart  
and strength of mind and body.  
Keep them safe from harm.  
May they know our deep gratitude  
for all they are doing  
to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.  
God of all consolation  
may they know your protection and peace.  
Bless them in these challenging days  
and bless their families. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

*(from the Irish Bishop's Conference)*

Eternal God,  
Be with our priests this day as they seek  
to minister to your people.  
May you be a guiding and protective presence with them  
as they bring the consolation and hope of your word  
and the grace and nourishment of Eucharist  
to those entrusted into their care.  
Grant them the strength of mind and body,  
keep them safe to do your will,  
And give them the courage and peace  
to face each day with trust and confidence in you.  
Into your hands O God, we commend them;  
fill them with your grace and healing. Amen.



## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

(from the PCUSA, alt.)

Glorious God,  
you call us to love and to serve,  
not only with words, but also in presence and actions.  
Lord, you surround us completely in time, in space, and in spirit.  
No matter where we go,  
you journey with us and use us to reveal your grace and mercy.  
During this time of testing from the novel coronavirus,  
we pause to lift your beloved who serve as priests and chaplains,  
especially to those affected by the pandemic.  
guide and protect them  
and magnify your grace through them.  
Through them open the eyes of those who fail to see your presence.  
Through them encourage souls overcome with fear and worry.  
Through them refresh those wearied  
from devotion to the works of healing, protecting, providing, and defending.  
Through them console the anguish of death.  
Through them give hope during joy and sorrow, chaos and calm,  
success and failure, rest and exhaustion.  
Provide them with endurance  
and protect them when they serve in heart wrenching, anxious, and dangerous places.  
Lord, provide them with words of comfort and truth,  
whether they sit beside families of loved ones,  
staffs of institutions, or leaders of people.  
May they radiate the peace that comes only from you.  
Assist them as they bring your presence to your people  
through the sacraments,  
and hear them as they intercede, especially in the Eucharist,  
for the suffering and those in need.  
Encourage your priests and chaplains  
as they help all people overcome these challenging times  
and return to you, the sovereign Lord of Life  
and only Hope of all those that live.  
Strengthen them to persevere in the ministry in which you have called them.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# GENERAL PRAYERS

## GENERAL PRAYER 1

*(from the Archdiocese of Detroit, alt.)*

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to heal the sick.  
We ask you to come to our aid  
in the midst of the coronavirus crisis  
that we too may experience your healing love.  
We ask you to heal those who are sick.  
Calm those who are living in fear.  
Be with those who have died  
and comfort their families.  
Inspire health professionals to aid them in their healing work.  
Guide national leaders to lead and make decisions with wisdom.  
Help us to always be aware of your presence  
as we place our trust in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GENERAL PRAYER 2

*(from the Archdiocese of Detroit, alt.)*

Loving God, we come before you in our time of need.  
We lay before you our concerns and fears  
over the spread of the coronavirus.  
We know that you are mightier than all our fears  
and that the name of Jesus  
is the name above all other names.  
We ask, in the name of Jesus,  
that you stop the spread of the coronavirus.  
In your mercy, heal those who are sick  
and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom.  
We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## GENERAL PRAYER 3

*(as posted on Ascension Press.)*

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.  
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.  
Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.  
Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.  
Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

#### **GENERAL PRAYER 4**

*(from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, alt.)*

Comfort us, O Lord Jesus,  
for we are like your disciples on the storm-tossed seas,  
worried by what lies ahead.  
We turn to you, our Healer and Guide,  
to still our hearts in our time of need  
and hear our prayer:  
Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus  
and protect the elderly and most vulnerable.  
Give strength to all who tend to our health  
and wisdom to researchers who work toward a cure.  
Open our eyes and hearts,  
that we may look beyond our immediate needs  
to care for others who need help.  
Through the Holy Spirit,  
guide our leaders to make wise decisions  
for the welfare of all the people they serve.  
Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus. Amen.

May Mary, our Mother,  
who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives,  
intercede with her Son,  
that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness.  
Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, heal us.

## PRAYER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING

(from *America Magazine*, alt.)

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you traveled through towns and villages  
“curing every disease and illness.”  
At your command, the sick were made well.  
Come to our aid now,  
in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus,  
that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.  
May they regain their strength and health  
through quality medical care.  
Heal us from our fear,  
which prevents nations from working together  
and neighbors from helping one another.  
Heal us from our pride,  
which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease  
that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all,  
stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.  
Be with those who have died from the virus.  
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.  
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.  
As they worry and grieve,  
defend them from illness and despair.  
May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals  
who seek to heal and help those affected  
and who put themselves at risk in the process.  
May they know your protection and peace.  
Be with the leaders of all nations.  
Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern  
for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.  
Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions  
that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.  
May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad,  
surrounded by many people suffering from this illness  
or only a few,  
stay with us, Lord Jesus,

as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.  
In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.  
Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 5**

*(from the Bishop's Conferences of Europe – COMECE/CCEE)*

God our Father, Creator of the world,  
almighty and merciful, out of love for us  
You sent your Son into the world  
as the doctor of our souls and our bodies,  
look upon your children who,  
in this difficult time of confusion and dismay  
in many regions of Europe and the world,  
turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief,  
deliver us from illness and fear,  
heal our sick, comfort their families,  
give wisdom to our rulers,  
energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers,  
and eternal life to the dead.  
Do not abandon us in the moment of trial  
but deliver us from all evil.  
We ask this of you, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.  
Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us! Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 6**

*(from the Diocese of Clogher, Ireland, alt.)*

God of Love,  
we turn to you with prayerful hearts  
and with confidence in your loving presence among us  
now and in every moment of our lives.  
We stand before you as a people of hope,  
trusting in your care and protection.  
May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

Generous and Merciful God,  
fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old;  
that we may look after each other in these challenging times,  
especially those among us who are vulnerable.  
May your example give us the courage we need  
to go to the margins, wherever they may be.

Heal us of our fear.

Healing God,  
bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus  
and be with their families and neighbours.  
We pray especially for those who are isolated,  
that they may know your love.  
Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength,  
accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity  
in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities.  
We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people.  
We ask you to bless them,  
strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom,  
we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance;  
that they may make the right decisions  
for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life,  
we, your people place ourselves and our world  
in your protection and love.  
May your peace be with us and enfold us  
today, tomorrow and during the time ahead.  
We make our prayer through the intercession  
of Mary our Mother, St. Joseph and all the saints of God. Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 7**

*(from the Catholic Health Association.)*

Merciful God,  
hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.  
May those who are infected receive the proper treatment  
and the comfort of your healing presence.  
May their caregivers, families and neighbors  
be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.  
Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.  
Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,  
that their work may conquer the disease  
and restore communities to wholeness and health.  
Help us to rise above fear.  
We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,

and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 8**

*(from Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio in Australia.)*

Jesus, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician,  
hear our pleas.  
We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.  
Guide our efforts to prevent contagion  
and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable.  
Assist all professionals and volunteers  
who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading.  
May our actions be marked  
by your steadfast love and selfless service  
and never by panic or fear.  
Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick,  
sustain and strengthen them by your grace.  
May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.  
And may all you have called from this life  
come to worship you eternally with all the saints  
as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.  
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us. Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 9**

*(from the Byzantine Liturgy.)*

Lord our God, do not judge your servants;  
protect us from the pernicious epidemic that is moving against us.  
Grant us, your humble and unworthy servants,  
a chance to repent with ardent faith and contrition of heart  
and to return to you, our merciful and gracious God .  
Give the sick healing and health,  
and to all of us grant your divine protection.  
We beg you, O merciful Lord, to hear our supplication  
and have mercy on us.  
Surround your faithful with firm hope,  
instill peace in our hearts  
for we who prostrate before you and invoke your grace.

For yours is the Kingdom in which you, our God,  
will save us and fill us with your love,  
and so we glorify you, Father and Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 10**

*(from the Byzantine Church.)*

God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth,  
and of all creation visible and invisible,  
in your ineffable goodness,  
look down upon us, your people  
gathered in your Holy Name.  
Be our helper and defender on this day of calamity.  
You know our weakness.  
You hear our cry of repentance and contrition of heart.  
O Lord, you love the human race, and so we pray to you:  
deliver us from the impending threat of this pandemic.  
Send your angel to watch over us and protect us.  
Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus.  
Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy.  
Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace  
that together we may glorify your majestic Name  
which is worthy of all honour:  
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

## **GENERAL PRAYER 11**

*(adapted from the ICEL 1998 Sacramentary.)*

Since you, O God, are with us,  
nothing that has happened, nothing still to come,  
can rob us of our hope in Christ.  
Sustain us, we beg you,  
during this time of uncertainty.  
Bless all the emergency and medical personnel  
who are caring for the sick and working to contain the outbreak.  
Grant swift recovery to those who are affected  
and comfort to their families and loved ones.  
Encourage those who are afraid.  
Bind us now, more than ever,  
to you and to each other,  
so that we may triumph



by the power of him who loves us,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### **GENERAL PRAYER 12**

*(from Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, alt.)*

Loving and healing God,  
we turn to you in prayer,  
confident that you are with us and with all people  
in every moment.  
We stand before you as people of hope,  
trusting in your care and protection.  
May your faithful love support us  
and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.  
Generous God,  
fill us with compassion and concern  
for others, young and old,  
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.  
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus  
and be with their families.  
May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.  
Comfort their family and friends.  
Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick  
and all who work in our medical facilities.  
Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance  
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.  
We pray in gratitude for all those in our country  
who will continue to work in the days ahead  
in so many fields of life  
for the sake of us all.  
Bless them and keep them safe.  
O God of creation and life,  
we place ourselves in your protection.  
May the mantle of your peace  
enfold us this day and always. Amen.

### **GENERAL PRAYER 13**

*(Oratio Imperata of the Philippine Bishop's Conference.)*

God our Father,  
we come to you in our need  
to ask your protection against the COVID-19 Virus,  
that has claimed lives

and has affected many.  
We pray for your grace  
for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause  
of this virus and its disease  
and of stemming the tide of its transmission.  
Guide the hands and minds  
of medical experts  
that they may minister to the sick  
with competence and compassion,  
and of those governments and private agencies  
that must find a cure and solution  
to this epidemic.  
We pray for those afflicted  
may they be restored to health soon.  
Grant us the grace to work for the good of all  
and to help those in need.  
Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **GENERAL PRAYER 14**

*(from the China Christian Council.)*

When human life is disturbed, disrupted  
and threatened by the novel coronavirus,  
we pray to you, God of life:  
grant us the compassion, humility and self-discipline  
to value, care about and protect each life.

We pray to you, God of mercy,  
for all who have suffered directly and indirectly  
during this global pandemic.  
May you sustain, console and heal them.

We pray to you, God of grace,  
for all good efforts to rescue life and to maintain people's health.  
May you strengthen, guide and protect all  
who have committed to fight against this disease.

We pray to you, God of righteousness,  
for justice to prevail.  
May you lead us to combat discrimination and fear  
with courage in the midst of this health crisis.

We pray to you, God of love,  
for an early end to the transmission of covid-19 that is harming all,  
and for life, health and peace for all,  
through your mercy, grace and loving care,  
and through human solidarity, integrity and mutual support. Amen.

# PRAYERS TO THE SAINTS

## TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 1

(from Pope Francis, alt.)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.  
You, salvation of your people, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test –  
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

(from morningoffering.com.)

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
we, your children of every nation,  
turn to you in this pandemic.  
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
and take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
to obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
and timely help in all our needs.  
You are our Mother:  
pray for us to your Son. Amen

## TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(from the US Bishop's Conference/Archbishop Gomez.)

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,

as you did at the wedding in Cana.  
Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.  
We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

### **TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

*(from the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Rome.)*

Mother of Mercy, Our Lady of Good Health,  
in visiting St Elizabeth  
and in watching at the foot of the Cross  
of your suffering Son,  
you showed your solidarity with suffering humanity.  
Hear the prayer of all your sick children  
who come to you with the certainty  
of finding a Mother  
who welcomes, heals and comforts them.  
Mother of our Saviour and our Mother,  
hear the intentions that we entrust to your intercession:  
heal our illnesses,  
transform our tears into prayer  
and our sufferings into moments of growth;  
change our loneliness into contemplation  
and our waiting into hope,  
assist us in our final hours  
and transform our death into resurrection. Amen.

## TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH IN VALAINKANNI

Radiant Queen, our gentle Mother of mercy and compassion,  
look kindly on your children  
who seek your help and consolation in these times.  
Pray for our protection and healing,  
for patience, perseverance in suffering,  
and conformity to God's Will. Amen.

## TO B.V. MARY IN ANXIETY

*(by St. Aloysius Gonzaga)*

O Holy Mary, my Queen,  
I commend myself, body and soul,  
to your merciful care today and every day,  
especially in the hour of my death.  
To you I entrust all my anxieties and sufferings,  
my life and the end of my life,  
that through your intercession  
all my actions may be directed and disposed  
according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## TO OUR LADY OF HOLY HOPE

*(from the Shrine of Our Lady of Hope, Pontmain, alt.)*

'O Mary, my Mother, I kneel before you with heavy heart.  
with burdens that oppress me.  
and weakness discourages me.  
I am beset by sickness and difficulty,  
fear and temptation of every sort.  
O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me in my distress.  
You are all-powerful with your Divine Son,  
who refuses no good request of your Immaculate Heart.  
Show yourself a true Mother to me  
by being my intercessor before His throne.  
O Refuge of Sinners and Hope of Hopeless,  
I turn to you in my trouble  
Obtain for me, then, O Mother of holy Hope,  
the grace of true sorrow for my sins,  
the gift of acceptance of God's will and plan for my life,  
and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus.  
But above all I pray, O dearest Mother,

that through your most powerful intercession,  
my heart may be filled with holy Hope,  
so that in my darkest hours  
I may never fail to trust in God my Saviour,  
but by walking with trust  
in the way of his Cross  
I may be united with him,  
and with you in the eternal joys of Heaven. Amen.

### **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help, or sought thine intercession  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother;  
to thee do I come, before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **SUB TUUM**

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God;  
despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### **SANCTA MARIA SUCCURRE**

HOLY Mary,  
comfort the miserable,  
help the faint hearted,  
cheer those that weep,  
pray for the people,  
be the advocate of the clergy,  
intercede for all women consecrated to God;  
may all who celebrate your memory  
feel the might of your assistance. Amen

## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOR PROTECTION

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST. RAPHAEL FOR GUIDANCE & HEALING

O holy St. Raphael,  
one of the seven glorious and mighty angels  
who stand before the throne of the living God  
and present the prayers of the holy ones,  
present now my prayer before the Lord.  
You were sent to bring God's healing  
to his faithful servants,  
to deliver them from the attacks of evil,  
and to guide them in the way of peace.  
Come, then, at the command of God Most High,  
to whom we cry with trust  
in this our hour of need.  
Come to assist us in our trials  
as we face this pandemic.  
Bring heavenly wisdom  
to guide those who are fighting this illness.  
Accompany with heavenly protection  
those who must travel and work.  
Aid with heavenly healing  
the skills of doctors and health-workers.  
Soothe and comfort those who are anxious  
about their future in life  
or fearful of sickness and death.  
Be a companion to the dying,  
especially those who shall die alone,  
to comfort and guide them to that heavenly light  
Guard and defend us against every illness,  
and every attack of the enemy,  
and guide us in this troubled time  
toward the performance of works pleasing to God  
and helpful to our neighbour.  
And thus prepared in soul and body,



and following your holy inspirations  
may we be worthy to be dwelling places of God Most High  
and unite with you to praise his majesty and glory,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY ANGEL**

O holy Angel who did comfort our Lord Jesus Christ  
in his agony in the garden of Gethsemane,  
pray to him for us  
for he is the comfort and strength  
of all who suffer.  
With the humility and love  
with which you assisted  
the sacred Humanity of Jesus our Saviour,  
strengthen us his servants, and especially the sick,  
in the sufferings that overwhelm us,  
and in all our trials and troubles.  
In a particular way,  
we ask you to comfort those affected who are facing death  
or in their final agony  
and are alone and isolated.  
Assure them of the presence of Christ, in the midst of pain,  
and obtain for us all the grace  
to entrust ourselves with confidence to the Father,  
from whose hands none can remove us. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ANGELS**

Lord, may your angels  
who supported Jesus in his times of trial  
always be near us to give us confidence  
in this time of sickness, danger, fear and uncertainty:  
for it is only by the strength of heaven  
that we can stand firm.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **ST. JOSEPH**

*(Ad te, Beate Ioseph, alt.)*

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials,  
and having asked the help of your most holy spouse,  
we confidently ask your patronage also.  
Through that sacred bond of charity

which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the fatherly love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you  
to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance  
which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood,  
and to aid us in our troubles with your power and strength.  
O most provident guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ.  
Most beloved father,  
dispel the evil of falsehood and sin.  
Our most mighty protector,  
graciously assist us from heaven in our difficulties.  
Just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger,  
so now defend us from all illness and adversity.  
Shield each one of us by your constant protection.  
And as you were embraced by Jesus and Mary  
at the hour of your death  
so now come to the aid of all those  
who are dying from this sickness,  
especially those who will die alone,  
That supported by your comfort and your help,  
they may obtain eternal happiness  
with Jesus our Lord in heaven. Amen.

## **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH 2**

O blessed Saint Joseph, tender-hearted father,  
faithful guardian of Jesus,  
chaste spouse of the Mother of God,  
I ask you to offer to God the Father  
my praise to him through his divine Son,  
who died on the cross and rose again  
to give us sinners new life.  
We have been unfaithful  
to the unfailing love of God the Father;  
beg of Jesus mercy for us.  
Through the holy name of Jesus, pray to the eternal Father  
that we may obtain  
the healing and recovery of those who suffer from this pandemic,  
wisdom for all those fighting it,  
and hope for all those who are fearful and struggling.  
Amid the splendors of God's loving presence,  
do not forget the sorrows of those who suffer,

those who pray, those who weep.  
By your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, our Blessed Lady,  
may the love of Jesus  
answer our call of confident hope. Amen.

### **PRAYER TO ST. CAMILLUS**

St. Camillus, special patron of the sick,  
who during forty years devoted yourself  
with truly heroic charity  
to the relief of their spiritual and temporal miseries:  
since holy Church has entrusted them to your mighty protection,  
come now to their assistance from your heavenly glory.  
Obtain for those suffering from this plague  
either the cure of their sickness,  
or patience, trust and fortitude,  
that they may be healed, strengthened and sanctified.  
Obtain for us also  
the grace in life and death  
to imitate you in the practice of divine love  
and seek to serve those who are elderly, sick or isolated  
by prayer, word and deed. Amen.

### **PRAYER TO ST. ROCCO (ROCH, ROQUE)**

It is with all confidence that we have recourse to you,  
great intercessor with God, our holy patron St. Roch!  
So many towns and countries have felt the effect of your protection,  
and the whole Church honors you  
as a powerful patron against pestilence and contagious diseases.  
We ask you, then,  
remembering that love with which  
you consoled and cured the sick in the hospitals,  
to make now from your place in heaven before the throne of God  
the sign of the cross over us and our country;  
that by your prayers and intercession,  
this sickness may pass by our dwellings  
and we may be spared. Amen.