

Day of Prayer, Fasting and Works of Mercy May 14th 2020

I attach some prayers and suggestions to help us follow the request of Pope Francis.



In the name of the Father...

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God



A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

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.
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Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro, Vatican.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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His Holiness Pope Francis invites us all to pray the Rosary in a special way this May. He encourages us all 'to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.

In addition the Holy Father has written two prayers to Mary our Mother, which can be prayed at the end of the Rosary.

First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

'Protectress of the Roman people',
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Second Prayer

'We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God'.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

A prayer during the time of COVID-19

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 racism, discrimination, stigmatization and xenophobia 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.**

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#StayAtHome #PrayAtHome

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

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**May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.**

**May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.**

**May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.**

**May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
remember those that have no options.**

**May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those who have no safe place to go.**

**May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.**

**May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.**

**As fear grips our country,
let us choose love during this time when we
cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbor. *Amen.***

Lord, our Refuge,
we thank you for listening unfailingly to the cries of
your people. You have been our anchor in the midst of
this pandemic and you have constantly provided us
with our needs and the hope to get through every day.

O God, we are praying for the front liners who have
been facing this battle boldly. We pray for your
continuing provision, especially of personal protective
equipment to keep them safe, for test kits to save
lives, and for greater government support to help
them fight COVID-19.

Direct us, Lord, towards helping our fellow citizens
and our front liners. May our leaders mirror you in
being able to hear and answer the voices of the
people, so that they can respond especially to the
scarcity of medical resources and other programs to
sustain and strengthen all medical practitioners. Lord,
protect us all during this pandemic.

Hear our cries as we pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ,
our Hope and Light, Amen.

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Where Trocaire money is spent - *from some years ago!*

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Sister Clare Crockett

Sister Clare Maria of the Trinity
and of the Heart of Mary

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