Prayer of the Faithful in the face of the Covid 19 Pandemic

*These petitions are not set for any one Sunday. They can be selected and used in any way you see fit. As we pray for the needs of the world, we take up our call to Mission and our call to live as the Body of Christ.*

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**For the Church –** that in this time of fear and uncertainty, it extends compassionate arms towards the world, offering words of consolation and peace.

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**For those who have contracted the corona virus –** that there will be appropriate health care for them and that they will be healed and restored to full health.

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**For international leaders** – that they work together to combat the virus and reduce levels of infection everywhere.

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**For leaders of nations** – that they act with wisdom and charity as they establish controls and measures within their countries to limit the spread of Covid 19.

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**For the whole of humanity –** that through this time of crisis we are led to build a world rich in mercy, bright with care for the vulnerable, enlivened with an appreciation of our connection to the natural world and renewed by an awareness of the deeply spiritual nature of life and presence of the divine.

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**For our own country** – that our leaders act with sound judgement, that citizens work together cooperatively and do as they have been asked by the government, to reduce infection rates.

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**For people stranded in countries that are not their homeland** – that they are made welcome and are cared for.

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**For people unable to have a funeral when a loved one dies –** that they will be comforted in their time of loss, that their grieving will eventually bring healing from loss and that those who have died will find eternal rest.

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**For people who are sick and dying in isolation without the care of loved ones –** that they will be consoled, that they sense the loving presence of God in their lives and that they die in the peace of Christ.

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**For health workers** – that they have time to rest and recover from their work, that they be protected from the virus, and that their work bears the fruit of healthy and grateful people and communities.

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**For those providing essential services** – that their work be accepted with gratitude and that they will remain healthy and be protected from the virus.

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**For businesses that are failing –** that they be supported by government, communities and people to lessen the effects of reduced trade.

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**For all who face financial hardship because of the virus –** that they not lose hope, butthat all people be willing to work together and support one another, and find ways to for others in this time of need.

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**For people who lose their jobs** – that they have the support of community and that the needs of their everyday lives will be met.

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**For communities** – that people become attentive to the needs of others and find ways to express solidarity with, and care for one another.

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**For people everywhere** – that this be a time where they learn to be generous, kind and thoughtful towards others and seek to meet the needs of other people.

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**For the success of the strategies put in place to fight Covid** 19 – that this disease will be successfully brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.

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**For families** – that they learn to overcome problems together and that this be a time of blessing when they grow in friendship, understanding, love and prayer.

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**For children who can no longer attend school –** that with the help of family, they establish routines that will continue their learning and that this will be a positive time of growth for them.

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**For those who will celebrate Holy Week and Easter alone in their homes** – that this become a time of prayerful renewal, deepening of faith, growing connection with the whole Church, and a time of finding the peace of Christ at home.

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**For all faith communities –** that though challenged by not being able to meet together to pray and worship, they will grow stronger in faith and more gracious and merciful in living.

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**For people who are isolated and lonely at home, especially the elderly** – that they will sense the care of others who attempt to reach out to them and find peace of God’s incarnate Word consoles them.

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