

A Prayer in Times of a Pandemic

O Lord, Master and Divine Physician of our souls and bodies, it is to You that we come to aid us now during the global spread of the Caronavirus, and be with the families of those who are sick and who have died. May the sick regain their strength and health, and as they worry and grieve, defend them from further illness and despair! Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Give wisdom and strength to our President, our federal government, our state governments, together with the leaders of all nations, and give them foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they serve. Give them the added wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and prevent future outbreaks!

Furthermore, we pray to You, O Lord, that you be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal those afflicted and who put themselves at risk in the process, as well as the police and first responders, and workers who come to the aid of all. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. We pray that you stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow! Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, we pray that You stay with us as we endure and mourn, prepare and persist in our faith and supplication unto You!

Look down with mercy upon the affliction of Your people, O Lord, and, showing Loving-Kindness, with You outstretched arm, provide an angle of protection, as once in the time of David. For we also, confessing unto You in repentance, as did David the Prophet, cry out: We have sinned and we have transgressed, and none of us are worthy of Your Tender Mercy. But as You are compassionate, do You Yourself, Who alone are being entreated, because of Your Loving Kindness, show Your ancient mercy, and spare the people and the sheep of Your Pasture. We pray to You, have mercy on us, and save us!

Hear us, O God our Savior, You, Who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us. O Lord save us from all peril and sickness! For You are a Merciful God, and the Lover of Mankind, and unto You we give glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen!