

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church and the world.

For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen and Mary our Bishops, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all affected by the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down, that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Grant public health and government officials in our nation the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for Donald, President of the United States, the Congress, Andrew our Governor, and Bill, our mayor.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. We pray especially for Scarlett, Madonna, Trudie, Nancy, Sarah and Anna. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the safety and well-being of all who travel and those who remain quarantined.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as they minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have already lost loved ones to the virus and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In addition, we invite you to include these petitions in your prayers.

We ask your prayers for peace and justice throughout the world.

for those living with war and violence

for all refugees, prisoners and asylum seekers

for the hungry and the homeless

for all working to provide essential services and advocacy in the midst of global pandemic

We ask your prayers for this fragile earth, that we may live sustainably with all your creatures

We ask your prayers for all seeking God, especially John, preparing for baptism

We ask your prayers for the sick of our own community, especially... (names....)

We ask your prayers for healthcare workers who are close to us, especially Scarlett and Nancy We ask your prayers for those who have died, and for those who mourn, especially...

We ask your prayers of thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially for the gift of this community.

Grant, almighty God that we may withstand the trials of this world with invincible firmness of purpose, just as your risen Son overcame suffering and death to new life; grant that we may not be daunted by threats or broken by suffering but overcome with love. Through 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.