

Sunday Prayers

This liturgy has been designed for use at home during this time of uncertainty and fear due to COVID-19. This is meant to be used at any time of the day, or multiple times a day, if so desired both individually and as a family. We encourage you to take a few minutes and use this as a guide for your prayers.

Opening prayer:

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from all fear may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Confession:

Heavenly Father, we confess to you our fears, our worries, and our anxieties. You have given us your perfect love which casts out all fear and your peace which transcends all understanding, but even still we feel dislodged, displaced, untethered, and uncertain during these times.

Intercessions:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people as we cry out to you; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all of your creation; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, giver of life, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those who grieve come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us also pray...

For a swift end to COVID-19.

For those infected and those who have been exposed; grant them strength, healing, and protection.

For their loved ones and caretakers; grant them peace, comfort, and endurance.

For those leading nations; grant them sound minds, courage, and humility.

For physicians, nurses, technicians, researchers, administrators, and all other healthcare employees around the world; grant them strength by your life-giving Spirit, wisdom, and resources to do the work before them.

For those who must work, despite the threat of sickness; grant them protection and continued provision.

For those who have become unemployed or underemployed during this pandemic; grant them comfort, wisdom, and financial provision.

For churches and their clergy; grant them discernment and creativity to lead and minister in unprecedented circumstances.

For parents and families; grant them wisdom, patience and joy.

For children; grant them protection from fear.

For those for whom home is not a safe haven; grant them refuge.

For those who are alone; grant them a sense of your nearness and love.

For all navigating decisions during this time of uncertainty and fear; grant them your peace. And for all the prayers we cannot voice because our language is insufficient or our ignorance too great; Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live; grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to Close:

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who are scared, anxious, those who are mourning, or who are nervous; that, casting all their cares, worries, and anxieties upon you, they may know the overwhelming peace of your presence and the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.