



Pastor's Message

March 30, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. James of the Marches Parish and Academy

In addition, to the beautiful prayer penned by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as well as the one written by our Shepherd, Bishop Serratelli, I offer you another prayer for your consideration.

Prayer for a Pandemic

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

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

May we who have to cancel a trip 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 those who settle for 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 find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor.

- Prayer by Cameron Wiggins Bellm

Certainly, prayer is needed now. It is especially important we do so, since we are unsure of the duration of time before the intense threat to our health are diminished. Please Lord, may the duration of time be less than what some people have predicted.

Each day, with the help of God continue to do everything with carefulness and lovingly. Your health is a treasure to be preserved for the future, as you live loving those who love you.

Be vigilant against opportunities schemed by the Evil One which lead into sin. When we experience vulnerability, the Devil arrives to tempt us. Don't let the one who plots our spiritual failures be successful. Remain armed with the Lord, Our Blessed Mother, the Saints and your Guardian Angel.

Once again, know Fr. Henry and I pray for you. We miss you. And, we look forward to being with you again.

God bless you.

Fr. Marc