

Coronavirus Novena

(This Novena can be prayed at any time.)

Pray this prayer daily:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise You for who You are—our good, good Father. We affirm that You are holy and almighty, and that You reign, Lord, over heaven and earth. Father, we come to You as Your children, concerned, distressed, and even frightened, about the coronavirus and its effects on all of us throughout the world. However, we also come to You in trust, for You have promised us, "I will never leave you; I will never forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

We acknowledge our absolute dependence on You. O Lord Jesus, during Your ministry on earth, You healed in spirit, soul, and body, people of all ages and stations in life. Please be present now to all affected by COVID-19. Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Please pray the prayer of the day and include your own requests.

In the name of Jesus, we resist the enemy of our souls according to God's Word:

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

We are confident, dear God that as we return to prayer and fasting, we will more clearly hear You speaking to our hearts. As we courageously decide for holiness, we believe we will experience deeper conversion in our hearts and families through the gentle grace of Your precious Holy Spirit.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in You.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph, Patron and Protector of the

Universal Church, pray for us.

Eternal Father, we make our prayer in Jesus' name, and for His sake. Amen.

Day 1:

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Dear Jesus, please lay Your healing hands on all suffering from this virus, whether receiving treatment or under quarantine. Protect their families and friends, and bring Your serenity and peace to all.

Day 2:

Pray for people at higher risk of developing the disease.

Dear Lord, we lift up to You all those who are more susceptible to this virus—the elderly and those with chronic health conditions. Please send Your angels to protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for some, isolation.

Day 3:

Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers responsible for fighting the coronavirus.

Dear God, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and more risk of contracting the virus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them. Protect them as they work with patients.

Please increase their supplies so they are able to work safely.

Inspire researchers to develop better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate its spread.

Day 4:

Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the coronavirus.

O Holy Spirit, grant us the spirit of wisdom. Be with our President, Governors, and all leaders making decisions that affect the lives of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly, and that their messages are received and heeded.

Day 5:

Pray for families adjusting to new ways of life.

Dear God, as many families adjust to everyone being home at this time, please give us grace for each other. Help us to listen attentively to one another.

Help spouses and parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to each other and their children. Please help our children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and to continue learning.

Day 6:

Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress.

Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your faithfulness in guiding and equipping us in our jobs and providing for us in the past. As You know, Lord, it is easy to feel anxious and overwhelmed about how we will meet our financial obligations and provide for our families. As people feel financial strain during these uncertain times, please bring them comfort and peace, reminding them that You are there for them. Inspire those with means to help others.

Day 7:

Pray for grocery store workers and delivery drivers.

Dear God, thank You for all those who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve.

Give them grace to handle unhappy customers when supplies are low.

Keep them healthy and their vehicles running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food for all.

Please protect them from becoming ill themselves.

Day 8:

Pray for the disease to stop spreading.

Dear Father, we affirm that everything is in Your sovereign control. Please stop the spread of the coronavirus. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind us to wash our hands and stay sanitized. We ask Your special consolation for all who must keep their distance at this time from elderly or other high-risk family members.

Day 9:

For all spiritual leaders, wisdom to guide the People of God at this time.

Dear God, with full confidence we place ourselves and our Holy Father,

Pope Francis, our bishops, clergy, and all spiritual leaders in Your hands. With one heart and soul, we pray for Your wisdom and anointing to come upon them and fill them with wisdom, grace, and compassion to shepherd Your children during this difficult time.

Keep them safe from the attacks of the enemy, and help them to feel connected with their flocks spiritually until such time as we may join together again to worship You in spirit, soul, and body.