

Let's Pray Together for an End to the Coronavirus

In the Gospels, Jesus assured us on several occasions that persistent prayer would be answered.

He told us:

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."
(Matthew 7:7-8)

"Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"
(Matt. 7:9-11)

"And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:1-8)

With this in mind, we would like to join together in prayer, **praying the [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) daily for an end to the pandemic.**

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time. It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the Hour of Great Mercy – Three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross).

Optional Opening Prayers

(said while holding the first bead on the rosary, traditionally used for the Our Father when praying the rosary)

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(O Blood and Water – repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

On the next three beads

The Our Father,

Hail Mary,

Apostle's Creed.

On the large bead before each decade

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Once on each of the ten small beads

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer

(after five decades, repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.