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My dear friends and parishioners,

I take this opportunity to touch base with you all while we follow the restrictions placed by our province to help fight and contain the possible spread of the virus. So, I invite you all to join me in prayer.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PROTECTION FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God, our loving Father, creator of the world and the universe and the human race, of all things that exist, both visible and invisible.

We come to You for help and protection to the young, the adult, and the most vulnerable people during these unprecedented and extraordinary times as the entire world together struggles to contain the spread of COVID-19, called coronavirus. We pray for all the sick infected by this virus. Dear Lord, You are the Judge, all Holy, Good and True. You are the Most High God. You give us life. You hold all power in your hands so we pray that healing and recovery may soon come to them. Please, Lord, give us the strength that we need to face each day. Protect all those who dedicate their lives working on the frontlines day and night, our doctors, nurses and health care workers, our first responders-paramedics, ambulance, fire fighters, the police force and the military, as well as all medical experts and practitioners who care for the sick. Lord, empower them with your Spirit so that as they go home to their respective families after work, all will be safe. In you Lord, we put our trust

and confidence that you can heal us, and protect us from the invisible enemy.

We pray for our scientists, researchers, theorists, epidemiologists, investigators, and all people of good will, with their wisdom and the power of advanced scientific inventions and discoveries, they may find the right solution, a medicine to cure and to end this virus completely. Lord by Your hands and by your Wisdom and Power, You created the universe. You alone, O Lord are the true giver of Life. Every child is a miracle of life. Life rests in Your Hands, Wisdom, Power, and Might.

We pray for the most vulnerable, the seniors and the homebound, those who are grieving, those affected all over the world and in our country and province, those who are sick right now in the hospital in the protective care unit, those in palliative care and in the ICU's. We pray for those quarantined and isolated in their homes, those who are lonely, who are hurt and separated during this lockdown. We pray for all those who are joining in prayer through this broadcast, that the efforts of social media communication reaching out to them during these difficult times, including the hungry, the thirsty may be fruitful. Heal our fears and worries because of this pandemic. Protect us, O God that we might help and comfort each other. In the love of the Creator God; in the name of the divine healer, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit, the sanctifier and consoler, who revealed this power written in Scripture, all things are possible in Your holy Name. Bring us healing, comfort, protection, light, and peace. Send us your Holy Spirit to protect us all and those we care for, our families, our community, our front liner workers, our government and community leaders, religious leaders, our health care workers, caregivers,

and those who are working to support our material, emotional and spiritual needs.

As we join in prayer, heal the pain and make our world a better place in which to live. By the power of your love, welcome all those who have gone before us afflicted by this pandemic, to be with you in your presence in heaven. Oh Lord, through your Son Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us, teach us to understand our suffering as Jesus did, to be in union with you, to calm our fears, to increase our trust and hope by the power of the Cross. May we gladly accept Your holy will and become more like Jesus in these times of trials and sacrifice. If it is Your will, restore us to health so that we may work for your honor and glory and the salvation of all humankind. With the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Love, help us “to conform ourselves to Your will and do what Jesus tells us.”¹

We ask this through the mighty name of Jesus, Son of the living God, divine healer of the sick; and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, consoler of the afflicted; and with the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, pray for us.

St. Michael, and all Archangels, pray for us.

St. Joseph, patron saint of Canada and the Universal Church, pray for us.

St. Lawrence, pray for us.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

¹ Pope Francis, “Prayer for Covid-19.”

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