

Prayer for a Pandemic

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

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

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no 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 we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ our God,

You traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those O Lord who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fears, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all and physician of our souls and bodies, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

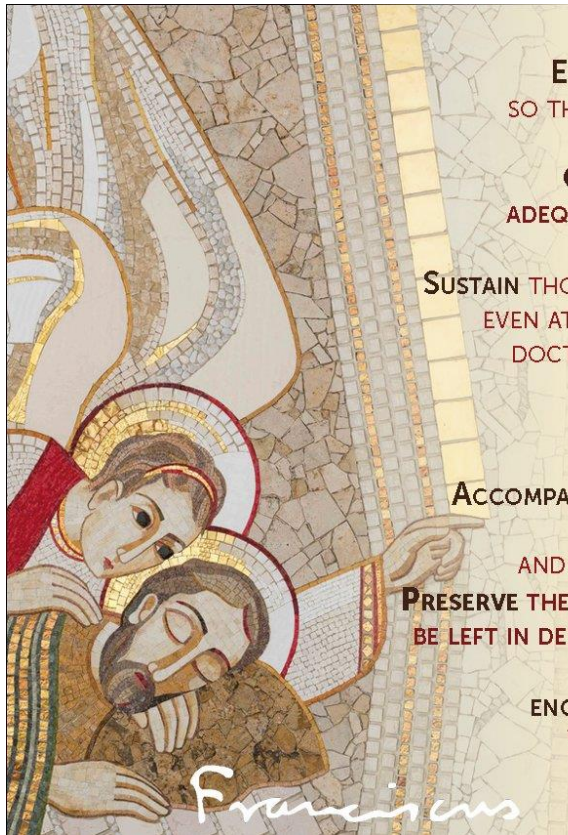
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For you are the physician of our souls and bodies Christ our God and to you do we offer glory, thanksgiving and worship together with your eternal Father and your all holy good and life giving spirit now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



PROTECT, O HOLY GUARDIAN, THIS OUR NATION.

ENLIGHTEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMON GOOD,
SO THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW — LIKE YOU DO — HOW TO CARE
FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

**GRANT INTELLIGENCE OF KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE SEEKING
ADEQUATE MEANS FOR THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING
OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.**

SUSTAIN THOSE WHO ARE SPENDING THEMSELVES FOR THOSE IN NEED,
EVEN AT THE COST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY: VOLUNTEERS, NURSES,
DOCTORS WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES IN CURING THE SICK.

**BLESS, O ST JOSEPH, THE CHURCH: BEGINNING WITH
HER MINISTERS, MAKE HER THE SIGN AND INSTRUMENT
OF YOUR LIGHT AND YOUR GOODNESS.**

**ACCOMPANY, O ST JOSEPH, OUR FAMILIES: WITH YOUR PRAYERFUL
SILENCE, CREATE HARMONY BETWEEN PARENTS
AND THEIR CHILDREN, IN A SPECIAL WAY WITH THE YOUNGEST.**

**PRESERVE THE ELDERLY FROM LONELINESS: GRANT THAT NO ONE MIGHT
BE LEFT IN DESPERATION FROM ABANDONMENT AND DISCOURAGEMENT.**

COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST FRAIL,
ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO FALTER, **INTERCEDE** FOR THE POOR.

**WITH THE VIRGIN MOTHER, BEG THE LORD TO LIBERATE
THE WORLD FROM EVERY FORM OF PANDEMIC.**

AMEN.