

A Marathon of Prayer

May 2021

“Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God” (cf. Acts 12:5)

At the request of Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization [PCPNE] organized of a “Marathon of Prayer” to beg the Lord for the end of the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this general intention, each day of May has a particular prayer intention:

1. For all the deceased
2. For all those who have not been able to say goodbye to their deceased loved ones
3. For all those infected with the corona virus and all the sick
4. For all expectant women and their unborn babies
5. For all children and adolescents
6. For all young people
7. For all families
8. For all communication workers
9. For all seniors
10. For all people with disabilities
11. For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
12. For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
13. For all prisoners
14. For all scientists and medical research institutions
15. For all migrants
16. For all victims of violence and human trafficking
17. For all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations
18. For all doctors and nurses
19. For all people at war and for world peace
20. For all pharmacists and health care personnel
21. For all social workers
22. For all volunteers
23. For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters
24. For all those who provide essential services
25. For all teachers, students and educators
26. For all workers and entrepreneurs
27. For all the unemployed
28. For the Holy Father, bishops, presbyters, and deacons
29. For all consecrated men and women
30. For the Church
31. For the end of the pandemic and the resumption of our social and economic life

It is encouraged that the Holy Rosary be recited each day. At the end of the rosary, pray the following prayer to Our Lady:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

For more information, visit the website of the [Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization](#).