

Prayers to End the Pandemic

Parishioners and Friends of St. Mark's,

Please, see the following prayers which I used during morning and evening prayers streamed live during the pandemic. I hope you might choose one to pray today and as often as possible.

Peace, safety and health to you.

Christian+

Prayer for a Pandemic

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 that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe 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.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love 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 neighbor. Amen.

(Interfaith Hospitality Network, Cincinnati)

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God,

We come to you in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.

We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors, nurses and all medical professionals.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.
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Amen.

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A Prayer for the Pandemic ~ Christian+

O God, hear the prayers of your people all over the world who are crying out in need for an end to the virus pandemic. Comfort those in isolation, those who have lost livelihoods, those who are sick and those who may die this day unloved or unattended. Comfort those in mourning, those for whom the virus has brought deep and utter sadness, families, villages, cities and countries. Give strength to those in the rescue and medical professions to keep them safe from harm as they work to bring safety and health to those in need. Give us all a greater sense of connectedness as we strive to be safe from harm and as we await the end of the suffering of millions of people throughout the world. Amen.

Prayer from the Presbyterian Tradition

O God of companionship, comfort, compassion: weave out of terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround all of us who have been shaken with a sense of your present love. Fill long times of solitude with lively thoughts, so we may be cheered by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who walks beside us as friend. Take away anxiety or confusion of purpose. Give us, we pray, confidence and gathered up energy in your future plan.

O God before whom we stand, grant us:
help in all that we must do,
guidance in our wandering,
protection in every danger,
peace in all the sorrows of life.

O God, whose Spirit enables us to pray, accept our requests and further all those that bring about your purpose.

Amen.

