

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled 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 who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

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

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Jesus Christ, healer of all, 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 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, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

**A PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

O Mary

You shine continuously along our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope
We entrust ourselves to you.
Health of the Sick,
who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus
Keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the people,
Know what we need, and we trust that
you will provide for those needs so that,
as at Cana of Galilee
joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial

Help us.
Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the father
and to do what Jesus tells us,
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
and took up our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,
O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas.
We who are put to the test
And deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis