

OLD HILLS MALVERN CHURCHES - WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

This weekly prayer set is in TWO parts. Part 1 is a set of prayers related to the Coronavirus situation. Part 2 is a set of weekly intercessions often related to the lectionary/Bible readings.

PART 1 A prayer for the Coronavirus situation

(Please use these prayers each time you pray)

Merciful God, we pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus all over the world. Bring comfort to those grieving loved ones have died and peace to those worried, fearful and uncertain as the virus spreads. We also pray for governments and authorities who are developing strategies to contain and deal with the virus and those in the health services who may be risking their own lives to care for sick patients.

Here in in this place, in this county and this country, we especially pray for the Corona Virus situation and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread. Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus by taking heed of the recommended precautions and avoiding situations which may make things worse. Amen

A Prayer from the Jesuits from the USA

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.

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 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, 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.

Part 2- Intercessions for the fifth Sunday of Lent Year A – March 29th 2020 (aka Passion Sunday)

(for use in home worship. Specific intercessions are embedded within the specific service for the Annunciation of the Lord)

Holy God, Before raising Lazarus Jesus gave you thanks. Following his example we now give you thanks for hearing our prayers of intercession even before we pray them.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God In St. Matthews Gospel Jesus reminds us *“that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”* And so we thank you for Jesus’ presence here with us today as we stay or are isolated in our homes as we raise our hearts and voices in worship, praise and thanksgiving.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God Once again the shadow of fear comes close to home with the approach of the Coronavirus. We pray for the many people who have contracted the Coronavirus in China, in Europe, in the UK and in other parts of the world. Bring comfort to those grieving loved ones have died and peace to those worried, fearful and uncertain as the virus spreads. We also pray for governments and authorities who are developing strategies to contain and deal with the virus and those in the health services who may be risking their own lives to care for sick patients.

Here in our parishes , we especially pray for the Coronavirus situation and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread. Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus by

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Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Here's a space for your own prayers and concerns

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God in his dealing with Mary, Martha and Lazarus Jesus showed his love for those friends who had become like family to him. We thank you for our friends and for the richness and diversity that they bring to our lives. Help us to return that gift to them whenever we meet and to keep in touch with those who we see less frequently.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, touch, heal and restore all who are ill. Open their hearts and their minds to welcome your restoring power so that their sickness ends and your healing begins.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, the death of a friend is one of life's most difficult situations to cope with. Help us through Jesus' example to recognise that our tears are natural and bring healing. Help us also to see that through his sacrifice that first Good Friday death is no longer such a final thing and that we shall meet again in God's good time.

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ Our Lord - AMEN

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