

A PRAYER DURING COVID-19

Dear Lord,

In these uncertain and challenging times, the new norms prevent us from acting in our usual ways.

We turn to You, Lord, as our shelter, our hope and our protection.

We long for connection and touch but are forced to isolate and distance
– even the beauty of a smile is veiled behind a mask.

Many have lost jobs and income, many are separated from their loved ones, many are facing greater struggles in their physical and mental health and we are all crying out to you, Lord.

Lord, stretch out Your hand and bless us with vaccines and medication to protect and heal our land from this disease and ultimately eliminate the virus.

Lord, we the Church fall on our knees and intercede to your compassion and mercy

May,

Your hands embrace us and ease our suffering,

Your feet leap to the cries of the needy,

Your ears listen and respond to our silent pleas,

Your eyes see our pains and give us a helping hand,

Your compassionate and merciful heart shower unconditional love upon us, sowing seeds of hope throughout this period of trial and despair.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen.