



## **Suggestions for Prayer service for healing and protection for all those affected by the Corona virus**

### **Prayer space: Three candles and the Cross**

(One member of the community lights the candles, and another leads the Community in a quiet moment with maybe the following...or any alternative)

**Lighting of first candle:** Lord our God healer of all ills be with us.

**Response:** Healer of all ills be with us

**Lighting of second candle:** Christ who walked among the sick, blessed them and restored them to health be present among us .

**Response:** Christ be present among us

**Lighting of third candle:** Holy Spirit, you who hovered over the waters and restored harmony to our world gift us with peace and freedom from anxiety

**Response:** Holy Spirit gift us with peace and freedom from anxiety

### **Suggested Hymns:**



O comfort my people No.63 Veritas Hymnal  
Lord for tomorrow and its needs No. 81 VH  
Healing River, arr. by Michael Joncas  
Only in God, arr. by John Foley  
Stay here and keep watch, Taize chant  
Nada te turbe, (Nothing can trouble) Taizé  
**(Many of the above can be found on UTube)**

## Choice of Psalms and other Scripture texts:

**Psalms:** 16, 23, 25, 33, 51, 63, 85, 130, 131, 147

**Isaiah:** 43: 1-4, 11 **Isaiah:** 49:13-16 **Jeremiah** 17:7,8,14 ,  
**Job:** 19, 23-27, **Wisdom:** 9, 9-11,13-18

**Gospels:** **Luke,** 12:22-32, **Luke ,**4: 40, **Luke,** 5:12-16  
**Matthew,** 8: 5-8, **Matthew** 4: 23-24, **John,** 9:1-7, **Jn.**10, 11-1  
**Jn,** 6:51-58

**Other N.T Texts:** **Acts,** 4: 8-12, **Colossians,** 1: 23-29,  
**James,** 5: 13-16

**Intercessions:** Suggested prayers of the faithful: Response sung or spoken:

Lord have mercy or Lord hear us we pray, Lord give us your love.

**Some of the following may be helpful, leaving room also for a time of silent prayer and or spontaneous prayers.**

1.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. **R.**

2.Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. **R.**

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

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

5. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. **R.**

6. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. **R.**

7. 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. R.

7. 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. R.

8. 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. R.

7. May we live this difficult moment with the strength of faith, the certainty of hope and the fervour of charity. R.

**Let us pray:**

**All:** Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many or few people suffering from this illness, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

(Prayers by Pope Francis and Kerry Weber)

**Other prayers for protection and healing Irish Bishops Conference**

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me



*Memorare:*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Inspired with this confidence,  
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.



### **Pope Francis's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic**

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain  
the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O  
glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Blessings:** Choose one

1. Now go from here and God go with you  
May Christ companion you, the Spirit enliven you  
And may you know God's healing presence today and every day

**All:** Amen

2. Tend your sick ones, O Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones,  
soothe your suffering ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's  
sake.

**All:** Amen

3. God to enfold us,  
God in our sleeping,  
God in our watching,  
God on our lips,

**All:**  
**God to surround us.**  
**God in our waking**  
**God in our hoping.**  
**God in our lives.**

