

Introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

“In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.” *Mt: 18:19-20*

As you light a candle pray:

Lord Jesus you came as a light that shines in darkness and a light that darkness cannot overpower (*Jn: 1:5*) – enlighten our hearts and minds to your presence in our midst.

Act of Penance

For the times when we have failed to love God and to love each other we ask for God’s forgiveness.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

We pray (*Pause for Silent Prayer*)

Almighty and merciful God

look with compassion on our affliction,

and so lighten your children’s burden and confirm our faith

that we may always trust without hesitation

in your fatherly providence.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

One God for ever and ever. Amen

Listening to God’s Word

Utilize the readings of the day found at www.usccb.org/readings

(Pause for a moment of silent reflection on the Gospel, or take some time together to discuss the readings of the day)

Intercessions

We bring our needs and prayers before our heavenly Father.

We pray for our world at this time *(Pause for silent prayer)* Lord grant healing and comfort to those who are afflicted by the Coronavirus. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for our Pope, Bishop, and all the clergy *(Pause)* Lord enlighten them as they work to understand what is happening – guide their work as they strive to find ways to treat and protect us. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for our health professionals who are working with those who are sick. *(Pause)* Lord protect them and strengthen them as they care in your name. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for our civil leaders *(Pause)* Lord inspire them to make wise decisions in these days. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for those who are anxious in these days *(Pause)* Lord ease their fears and grant them the consolation of your presence. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for those who suffer in any way at this time – the poor, the hungry, the homeless – those who suffer from persecution, war, violence – those who are depressed, lonely or sad *(Pause)* Lord help them in their need. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for our families and friends *(by name)* and those who have died *(by name)* – Lord protect them and look after them. Let us pray to the Lord ...

We pray for our own private intentions *(Pause to mention intentions)* Let us pray to the Lord ...

Father, we ask you to hear these our prayers and if it be your will to answer them for we make them in faith and love and trust through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's family we pray as Jesus himself taught us:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

While we cannot receive communion at this time, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion in which we express our faith in Jesus and in his presence in the Eucharist and invite Him to unite himself with us.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament. I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. (St Alphonsus de Liguori)

Concluding Prayer

Let us Pray (*Pause for silent prayer*)
Merciful Lord,
You know the anguish of the sorrowful,
You are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,
And strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness;
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Blessing

St Michael, the Archangel, Protect and Pray for us. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us; The Lord turn his face toward us and give us his peace both now and forever. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Remember to extinguish the lit candle.

Additional Prayers

Memorare

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

Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the

Father's will and to do what

Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore 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.