

## **PRAYERS FOR TIMES SUCH AS THESE**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, our country and our world are under attack by a virus, and it causes us to be afraid. Help us to recognize the seriousness of the situation, but help us not to be afraid. Help us to remember that You are still God, and we are still Your children. Help us to remember Your promise that nothing in all creation will ever separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, and that includes Coronavirus. Lord, in Your mercy,  
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Pastor: Heavenly Father, our lives have been disrupted because of Coronavirus. Parents are stressed as schools have closed and they have to arrange for child care. Theaters, sporting events, and concerts have been closed or cancelled. Large social gatherings that we enjoy participating in or attending are discouraged and even outlawed for the time being, and we are annoyed, frustrated, inconvenienced, and scared. Help us, Lord, to see the wisdom and the good that comes from these temporary inconveniences. Help us to understand that You are working through these things for our good and the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,  
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Pastor: Heavenly Father, in Your goodness you have provided us with abundance in this country, so much so that we tend to take your blessings for granted. But people are scared, and it's hard to find things at the store now that we need or want, and it's easy to get angry, resentful, and judgmental of others. Help us to remember that You are still God, the One who not only made us but still provides us with all of the necessities of life. People are scared, and so are we, Lord, but help us in these days to be patient and understanding and forgiving, and above all, trusting of Your care and love for us. Lord, in Your mercy,  
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Pastor: Heavenly Father, Jesus taught that a person's worth is not measured by his possessions. Still, we are scared. The stock market has plunged, businesses are shutting down for the time being, workers are worried about their paychecks and how to pay bills. Calm our fears, Lord. Provide for all who are in special need of Your help at this time. Lord, in Your mercy,  
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Pastor: Heavenly Father, families are worried about their loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes, because they are restricted from visiting them. Comfort these families, Lord. Watch over their loved ones whom they can't visit right now. Help them to know that You are holding them all in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy,  
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Pastor: Finally, Lord, bless our leaders at all levels of government: federal, state, and local. Fill them with wisdom from You, and compassion for all people. Bless all leaders of all nations. Bless all health care professionals and scientists, to the end that this virus may be effectively treated and controlled. Give us all confidence in Your care, courage in these days, and the assurance that You are on our side today, tomorrow, and forever. In Jesus' Name.