

PRAYERS FOR TIMES SUCH AS THESE II

Pastor: Merciful Father, we come before You at a time when not only our nation, but the entire world, is experiencing a crisis. It's amazing, Lord, how something that cannot be seen with the naked eye can cause so much distress and suffering. Even though we do not deserve anything good from Your holy and almighty hands, we are bold to ask that You bring us deliverance from this worldwide pandemic brought on by the Coronavirus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician of the body as well as of the soul. Pour out Your healing power and grace upon all those infected by the Coronavirus. Grant, according to Your good and gracious will, full and complete recovery to all who have been touched by this disease. Look also with compassion upon the family members of those afflicted by this illness. Preserve them from catching the disease, and comfort them with the assurance that You are working out Your good and gracious will for their sick loved one and for them as well. Lord, in Your mercy,

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Pastor: O blessed Holy Spirit, You perform Your gracious work in the lives of people through the Word of God and through the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. At a time when the people You have formed into the one, holy, Christian and Apostolic Church are restricted from gathering in groups because of the Coronavirus pandemic, help us to remember that nothing is too hard for You. Let Your Word continue to go forth through e-mails, video, live-streaming, and all other ways of communication. Let Your people be nourished with Your Word. Let faith in Jesus be strengthened. When it is necessary for Your called Pastors to make emergency visits on the people that they serve, whether in the hospital or in their homes, guard and protect both them and the people that they serve. Let Your Church thrive and grow even in these challenging days. Lord, in Your mercy,

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Pastor: Heavenly Father, we thank You for all healthcare professionals around the world who are on the front lines in this war against Coronavirus. Bless every doctor, nurse, and research scientist. Help them serve their patients joyfully and effectively. Let them be instruments of hope and comfort to their patients. Protect them from illness as they work with those who are ill. Watch over their families as they spend long hours serving the health interests of the general public. Grant in due time that an effective vaccine may be developed that this disease may be curbed even as others have been in the past. Lord, in Your mercy,

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Pastor: We thank You for those to whom You have given the gifts and abilities to lead communities, states, and nations. We pray that You would bless our President, Vice-President, the Cabinet, and those who serve on Capitol Hill in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Bless the governors of our states and territories as well as all officials who serve therein. Bless our communities and their leaders. In this time of national crisis, help all citizens of our nation to be wise and obedient to the directions given by their leaders. We pray that every decision that is made by our leaders may be in agreement with Your Word and will for the lives of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

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Pastor: All of these things we ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior.

People: Amen.