

## **Coronavirus Litany**

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*After each petition, the prayer leader will say, "Let us pray to the Lord." The people's response is "Lord, hear our prayer."*

Jesus Christ, you traveled 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 pandemic of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with all those who have been quarantined or restricted in their movements. Grant them patience, health and reassurance during their time of isolation and waiting. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with those whose livelihoods or finances are or will be negatively affected by this virus. Help them find the resources they need to take care of themselves and their families. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with our elderly, vulnerable, and immunocompromised. Help us to be mindful and vigilant of their vulnerabilities; and guide us to avoid carelessness so that they may remain whole. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with the homeless in our neighborhood and across our planet. May they be shown kindness and care in this time of fear and insecurity. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with those who feel overwhelmed by the torrent of media coverage and information. Help them to discern what is important to know and what to set aside. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at eternal rest with you. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Be with our local, state, national and world leaders. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and deal with outbreaks and its challenges. Above all, give them the courage to work together for the greater good. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Whether we are at home, or in the community; surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, give us courage to hope for better times.

Help us to be vigilant and generous.

Make us courageous to continue to be your hands in our community.

Teach us to pray honestly and expectantly,  
and when our prayers seem to fail,

bring us to pray again and again;  
for you are our help and our shield,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
now and forever. **Amen.**