

PRAYERS

Responsive Prayer

Leader: We pray to you Lord, for our world and all those who suffer. Guide us, and hear our calls to you.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!

Leader: Lord, In these dark times, you heal us and lift us, giving us new opportunities every day to see the light of your creation.

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Leader: We turn to you, God of Justice, for your strength in righteousness. Teach us to better help those who suffer injustice and inequality so we may all celebrate the life you have given us.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!

Leader: God of Mercy, give power and resilience to those who suffer and continue to protect those who struggle on the front lines every day. Give us kindness and patience in our hearts, as we learn to adapt to this changing world and work together to find a cure.

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Leader: Lord, give our loved ones, families and friends, and all communities the patience and compassion to endure this chapter of our collective journey.

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Prayer for a Cure to Poverty

God, thank you for the abundance of life, relationships, health, comfort and wealth you have provided, and thank you that even in times of need, despair and brokenness you are there. Please, put your arms around children and families in extreme poverty, so they feel comfort and hope; meet their needs both physically and spiritually. And, Lord, guide me so I can be your hands and feet, pursuing justice for the poor and upholding the cause of the needy.

Prayer for a Cure to Inequality

God, you have given all peoples a common origin. It is your will that we be gathered together as one family in yourself. Yet, our greed, pride, lust for power, and complacency sustain sinful, structuralized injustice. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the burning desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May we recognize that we will not have peace until there is justice, and may your love compel us to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

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Prayer for a Cure to the Coronavirus

Adapted from Kerry Weber

Lord, you cure every disease and illness. At your command, the sick are made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread 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.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

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

Lord, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Lord, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Lord, heal us.

