

**Jesus loved short, simple, sincere, succinct, persevering prayers. Here are a few passages from Scripture or simple prayers.**

- God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- O Lord, open my lips. And my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- Please, Lord, here my prayer.
- Lord, I do believe, help my lack of faith.
- Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner.
- Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
- Lord, it is good for us to be here.
- Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.
- Save me, Lord, I am going to drown.
- Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.
- Lord, to whom shall I go? You and you alone have the words of everlasting life.
- Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.
- Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely.
- Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.
- Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.
- For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor futures things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- We adore you, Oh Christ, and we praise You. Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

### **A Prayer for Our World**

Good and Gracious God, Almighty Father, Omnipotent Healer:

Your children cry out to you during this time of great worry and uncertainty.

We pray for wisdom to do the right things.

We pray for your healing power to come upon all who are sick and suffering.

We pray for strength to persevere in the days ahead.

Send your Holy Spirit to calm our fears and guide our actions.

We place our trust in You and Your Son ... the Way the Truth and the Life.

And we make this prayer through the intercession of Mary, our Mother. Amen!



**Here are two petitions that have been written for those afflicted by the pandemic and for an end to the pandemic.**

**For the Afflicted in Time of Pandemic**

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic,  
that God the Father may grant health to the sick,  
strength to those who care for them, comfort to families  
and salvation to all the victims who have died.

*Prayer in silence.*

Almighty ever-living God,  
only support of our human weakness,  
look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children  
who suffer because of this pandemic;  
relieve the pain of the sick,  
give strength to those who care for them,  
welcome into your peace those who have died  
and, throughout this time of tribulation,  
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For an End to the Pandemic**

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end  
to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world,  
that our God and Father will heal the sick,  
strengthen those who care for them,  
and help us all to persevere in faith.

*Prayer in silence.*

Almighty and merciful God,  
source of all life, health and healing,  
look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease;  
protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us  
and in your fatherly providence  
grant recovery to the stricken,  
strength to those who care for them,  
and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### **A Prayer of Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.  
Grant peace.  
Grant comfort.  
Grant healing.  
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



## **The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Response to Coronavirus**

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for Him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.