

Prayer in time of Suffering

O Lord, Jesus Christ, I receive this sickness with which You are pleased to visit me, as coming from Your fatherly hand. It is Your will, and therefore I submit. "Not my will, but Yours be done." May it be to the honour of Your holy Name, and for the good of my soul. I here offer myself with an entire submission to all Your appointments; to suffer whatever You please, as long as You please, and in what manner You please; for I am a creature, O Lord, who have often and most ungratefully offended You, and whom You might justly have visited with Your severest punishments. Oh, let Your justice be tempered with mercy, and let Your heavenly grace come to my assistance to support me under this affliction!

Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear with true Christian patience all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets and troubles under which I labour; preserve me from all temptations and murmuring thoughts, that in this time of affliction I may in no way offend You; and grant that this and all other earthly trials may be the means of preparing my soul for its passage into eternity, that, being purified from all my sins, I may believe in You, hope in You, love You above all things, and finally, through Your infinite merits, be admitted into the company of the blessed in Heaven, there to praise You for ever and ever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. - *St Alphonsus Liguori*

Prayer For God's Help

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us.

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PRAYERS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Prayer to Our Lord for the Grace of Healing and Protection

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled 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 spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

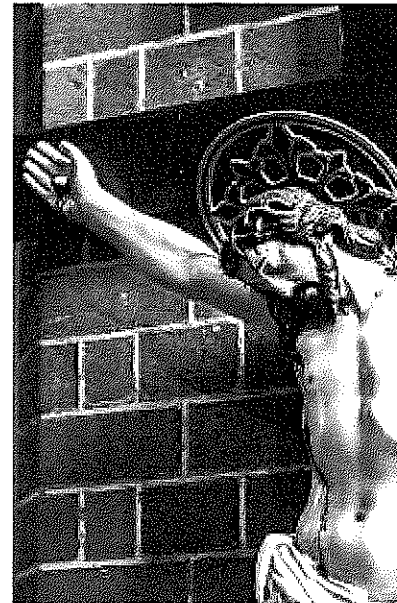
Good Lord, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. May those who have died from the virus rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

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 prudence and charity for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.

Stay with us, Lord, and grant us your peace. Amen



A Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus, Incarnate Son of God, Who for our salvation, did will to be born in a stable, to endure poverty, suffering and sorrow throughout Your life and finally to die the bitter death of the Cross, I implore You, in the hour of my death, to say to Your Divine Father: *O Father, forgive him / her!* Say to my soul: *This day you shall be with Me in Paradise!* O my God, my God! Forsake me not at that moment! I thirst! O my God! Truly my soul is athirst for You, the Fountain of Living Water. My life has passed away like unto smoke; yet a little, and all is consummated. Therefore also, adorable Saviour, into Your hands I commend my spirit for all Eternity. Lord Jesus, receive my soul. Amen.

Prayer for Perseverance

Almighty God, who permit evil in order to draw out good, graciously hear the lowly prayers whereby we beseech You to keep us faithful to You unto death. And grant us,

through the intercession of the most blessed Virgin Mary, strength ever to conform ourselves to Your most holy Will.

Prayers in time of Epidemic and Plague

(Adapted from Rituale Romanum, Titulus IX, Caput X)

Priest (or whoever is leading the prayers): Deal not with us, Lord, as our sins deserve.

All: Nor take vengeance on us for our transgressions.

P: Help us, O God, our Saviour.

All: And deliver us, O Lord, for your name's sake.

P: Lord, do not keep in mind our former sins.

All: Let us soon know your compassion, for we are exceedingly poor.

P: St. Sebastian, pray for us.

All: That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

P: Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come before you.

Let us pray.

Hear us, O God, our Saviour, and by the prayers of glorious Mary, Mother of God, and ever-Virgin, of St. Sebastian, your martyr, and of all the saints, deliver your people from the present affliction, and in your bounty let them feel certain of your mercy. Lord, mercifully heed our supplications, and heal our infirmities of body and soul; so that knowing your forgiveness we may ever rejoice in your blessing.

All: Amen.

Prayers in Time of Any Tribulation

(Adapted from Rituale Romanum, Titulus IX, Caput XII)

Priest (or whoever is leading the prayers): Our Father ... And lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

Then Psalm 19 is said; or, in place of it, Psalm 90.

After the psalm the priest continues:

P: God is our refuge and our strength.

All: A helper in all tribulations.

P: Lord, save your servants.

All: Who trust in you, my God.

P: O holy God! O holy strong One! O holy immortal

All: Have mercy on us.

P: Help us, O God, our Saviour.

All: And deliver us, O Lord, for the glory of your name.

P: Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come before you.

Let us pray.



DEATH AND DELIVERANCE FROM PLAGUE
A woodcut illustration depicting the death and deliverance from plague. The central figure is a man in a long, patterned robe, likely a saint or a person of high status, who is shown in a state of suffering or death. He is surrounded by other figures, some of whom appear to be in distress or mourning. The scene is set in a room with architectural details like columns and a doorway. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

Almighty God, do not disdain your people who cry to you in their affliction, but for the glory of your name be pleased to help us who are so sorely troubled. Show us, O Lord, your inexpressible mercy and blot out our transgressions.

We entreat you, Lord God, grant us, your servants, the enjoyment of lasting health of body and mind; and by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, free us from present sorrow and give us everlasting joy.

Graciously hear us, O Lord, in our tribulation, and heed the holy prayers of your Church, and grant that we fully obtain whatever we ask for in faith; through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary I trust.

Look to the Star, Call upon Mary!

In danger, in difficulty or in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary, Keep her name on your lips, Never let it pass out of your heart.

Following in her footsteps, you will not go astray: praying to her, you will not fall into despair: thinking of her you will not err. While she keeps hold of your hand, you will not fall, you will not grow weary, you will have no fear.

Enjoying her protection, you will reach the goal.



A Prayer against Plague from the 17th Century

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who in your name seek the grace of your protection, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, your saints Sebastian, Adrian, Anthony, Roch, Benno, and of all the saints, having been freed from plague, and sudden death, may serve you with untroubled minds. Amen.

A Prayer to St Sebastian

Saint Sebastian, guard and defend us, morning and evening, every minute of every hour, and diminish the strength of that vile illness which is threatening us. We put our trust in God, in our Lady, and in you, holy martyr. Be with us always, and by your merits and prayers keep us safe and sound and protect us. Commend us to the Blessed Trinity, so that when we die we may have our everlasting reward: to behold God in the company of all the saints. Amen.

St Mary's Church, Chorley is open for private prayer 09.00-17.00 most days, and at normal weekend Mass times, although Masses and other ceremonies are suspended.
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