

Intercessions for use during the Covid-19 pandemic

As the world faces up to the widespread disruption to life being caused by the coronavirus pandemic, let us ask for God's help in what lies ahead.

Let us pray for all those who are working to control the spread of the virus. May they be encouraged by the knowledge that their efforts are appreciated by us all.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*

Let us pray for all those in the medical profession who are tasked with caring for those who have the virus: for the hospital staff carrying out the testing, for the ambulance crews transporting patients to hospitals and for the doctors and nurses who are treating those seriously in need.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*

Let us pray for those involved in local and national governments, tasked with the job of ensuring that financial and physical assistance is in place where it is most needed. We pray also that those from whom they seek medical advice may be guided into making decisions for the good of all.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*

Let us pray for our own local community that those in the greatest need are helped and supported in a caring and neighbourly way.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*

Let us pray for all those who have lost their lives as a result of the virus. We remember the families that they have left behind and the communities in which they lived.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*

Let us ask Our Lady to join her prayers with ours, as we say: *Hail Mary*