

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber

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 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.

Jesus Christ, 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, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

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to others and to the needs of the world.
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10th May 2020 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

BIBLE READINGS

Acts	7:55-60	OT	Pg	186
Psalms	31:1-5,17-18	APB	Pg	638
1 Peter	2:2-10	NT	Pg	343
John	14:1-14	G	Pg	162
Canticle	9	APB	Pg	349
Creed	Nicene	APB	Pg	108
Eucharistic Prayer		APB	Pg	119

COLLECT: Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONTINENT God, bless South Africa and Africa, guard her children, guide her leaders and give her healing and peace; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen*

A DAILY PRAYER O God, my Father, silence everything in me that would  keep me from hearing what you have to say. Control my mind, that all my thoughts may be concentrated on you. Help me find here a light to shine upon my path and strength to walk in it through Jesus Christ my Lord.

THE SICK **JAMES 5:13-16**

Please pray for: Audrey Rugg, Barry Lambert, Anand Rapiti, Courtney Hunt, Leona Raymonde, Peter Tomlinson, Stan Bromley, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Mavis Rodd, Jenny Sugden, John White Jnr, Karen Burne, Adam Fuller, Marian Peepkorn, Lu Dormer, Wendy James, Natasha Heffer, Letitia Camp, Roy Dunster, Mike Sturgess, Margaret Beaumont, Flo Tunnington, Anne Coetzee, Jennifer Pennington

Prayer Requests: Please keep Kerry updated via Email.
If you are sick at home or are going into hospital, please let Kerry know via Email.

***Pray for the Parish of St Mary, Kingsburgh
and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of Prince of Peace, Inanda***

For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week

Sunday 10 th	Parishioner Birthday Years Mind John	Win Dobson Lindsay Thompson Errol Richardson 14:1-14
Monday 11 th	Parishioner John	Colleen Dodson 14:21-26
Tuesday 12 th	Parishioner Mark	Dawn Downie 15:16-21
Wednesday 13 th	Parishioners Birthday Luke	Henry, Ayanda, Kyle & Marcial du Toit Gavin Townsend 14:7-14
Thursday 14 th	Parishioner Birthday Years Mind John	Paul Dudas <i>Margaret Wood ~ Congratulations ~ 97!</i> Felicity Hall, Ken Kuhle 13:12-30
Friday 15 th	Parishioner John	Eileen East 15:12-17
Saturday 16 th	Parishioners Birthday Anniversary Years Mind John	Steve & Sandy Edwards Angela Christoferos Gert & Caryn Erasmus Glen Cowley 15:18-21

GOD'S PROMISE:

Always remember that God made you.
God loves you.
And that God is always with you.

ONGOING MINISTRY FOR US ALL:

Sunday Eucharist at 10am on St Michaels Facebook page.

Please join Fr Martin at this service.

If you're not able to be part of it via SMS, a link will later in the morning be sent out for you to watch.

Monday at 2pm

Bible Study on the Zoom platform.

Fr Martin will lead the bible study and you are welcome to join.

The ID and password will be sent out via SMS about 5 minutes before the hour for you to log in. Please have your bible, note pad/book and pen at hand.

Tuesday Morning at 7am.

Join Fr Martin for Morning Prayer.

Wednesday Evening at 6pm.

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Thursday Morning at 7am.

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Please do contact Fr Martin concerning pastoral needs.

If you are feeling lonely or depressed.

You are ill at home or in hospital.

You need help in any way, eg. shopping etc.

You know of anyone who needs help, even if be for meals or daily essentials.

Christo et Ecclesia
(For Christ and the Church)

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Let nothing ever disturb you;
Nothing affright you;
All things are passing,
God never changes.
Patient endurance
Attains to all things;
Who God possesses
In nothing is wanting:
Alone God suffices.

St Teresa of Avila

Steer the ship of my life, good Lord, to your quiet harbour, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take. Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go. And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger we shall find comfort and peace.

Saint Basil of Caesarea

Matthias (1st century) Apostle. According to Acts 1:15-26 and 2:1-4, Matthias was the man chosen by lot to take the place of Judas Iscariot as one of the 12 apostles after the ascension of Christ and Judas' death. Having witnessed the Resurrection, he was among the apostles to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but little is known about his subsequent life and death, though there is a tradition that he preached in Judaea, Cappadocia and even Ethiopia before being himself crucified. A gospel said to have been written in his name is now lost. His emblem is an axe or halberd (supposed to have been the instrument of his martyrdom).
Feast Day: 14 May

The Year of the – WORD

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.
1 Thessalonians 5:24 | NIV

BIBLE CHALLENGE

(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)

1. Who was the reckless chariot driver?
2. Which of the following was one of the original disciples: Mark, Timothy, Luke, James?
3. What did Abraham sacrifice to God?
4. Where was the Garden of Gethsemane located?
5. How many Old Testament figures appeared on the mountain during the transfiguration?
6. Name a set of twins in the Bible?

Previous week's Challenge answers

1. Job (Job 2:7)
2. James and John (Matthew 4:21)
3. Quail (Exodus 16:13)
4. Egypt (Genesis 45:26)
5. Twelve (1 Kings 19:19)
6. After

“Reflect upon the providence and wisdom of God in all created things and praise Him in them all.”

It is challenging to understand why tragedies happen in our world. We know that God does not cause these tragedies, but that they are allowed to happen in accordance with our gift of free will. God does not take free will away from those who would abuse it. Still, how can we look on a tragic incident and see God's providence? One way is to dwell on the stories of heroism and courage that arise in crisis. Yes, we see great evil. But even devastating evil cannot completely wipe out the goodness and beauty of love. Look for the heroes – look for God in the wreckage and you will find Him glimmering through the stories of many souls that rose up to protect and aide those around them even at their own risk and self-sacrifice. **(Teresa of Avila)**



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