

## 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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ST MICHAELS CHURCH  
UMHLANGA ROCKS

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to others and to the needs of the world.  
We're glad you're here.

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Thursday 5.30pm

## 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### BIBLE READINGS

Acts	2:42-47	OT	Pg	178
Psalms	23	APB	Pg	630
1 Peter	2:19-25	NT	Pg	344
John	10:1-10	G	Pg	155
Canticle	7	APB	Pg	347
Creed	Apostles	APB	Pg	58
Eucharistic Prayer		APB	Pg	117

**COLLECT:** Good Shepherd, you are the gate that secures the sheepfold: grant that all who hear your voice may know you who calls us each by name, and follow where you lead; for you live and reign in the unity of the Blessed Trinity, one God, now and for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A PRAYER FOR AFRICA** God, bless Africa, guard her children, guide her leaders and give her 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, Judy Bean, Mavis Rodd, Jenny Sugden, John White Jnr, Karen Burne, Adam Fuller, Marian Peeperkorn, Lu Dormer, Judy Bean, Wendy James, Natasha Heffer, Letitia Camp, Roy Dunster, Mike Sturgess, Margaret Beaumont, Flo Tunnington

**Prayer Request Cards** Please update the prayers for the Sick on a monthly basis through the green prayer cards.  
If you are sick at home or are going into hospital, please let Kerry know at the Parish Office.

***Pray for the Parish of St Luke, Karkloof  
and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of St Columba, Greenwood Park  
and their Rector, Rev Roland Prince***

**For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week**

Sunday 3rd	Parishioners Birthday Years Mind John	Phillip & Pam Crowsley Damien Angel, George Tattari Daniel Crowsley 10:1-10
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Anniversary John	Justine de Kock Braydon Forte Murt & Lou Murdoch, Marcus & Helen Smidt 14:1-14
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday John	Jean-Pierre De Morigny Norman Christoferos, Kiara Jonkers, & Elaine Gardiner ~ <i>Congratulations 90!</i> 10:22-30
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Anniversary John	Dawn de St Pern Gavin & Cindy Townsend 12:44-50
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner John	Marie de Wet 13:16-20
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioner Birthday Years Mind John	David Dewberry Kerry Tattari Basil Hill 14:1-7
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parishioners Birthday Years Mind John	Barry, Obakeng & Phenyio Dijoe Nhlanhla Ngwenya Patrick Fann 14:7-14

**NOTICES:**

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.**

Join Fr Martin for Evening Prayer.

**Thursday Morning at 7am.**

Join Fr Martin for Morning Prayer.

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)



## The Year of the – WORD

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalm 119:105 | NIV

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### BIBLE CHALLENGE

*(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)*

1. Who was the man with painful sores?
2. Who were the sons of Zebedee?
3. What else did the Lord give to the Israelites besides manna when they were in the desert?
4. Pharaoh made Joseph governor over what country?
5. How many oxen did Elisha use to plow his field with?
6. Does the book of Esther come before or after the book of Ruth in the Old Testament?

### Previous week's Challenge answers

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| 1. Eli.         | <i>(1 Samuel 1:25-28)</i>             |
| 2. Andrew.      | <i>(John 6:8-9)</i>                   |
| 3. Our cross.   | <i>(Matthew 10:38)</i>                |
| 4. In the road. | <i>(Number 22:22-23)</i>              |
| 5. Four.        | <i>(Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)</i> |
| 6. John.        |                                       |
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**"The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes."  
(Teresa of Avila)**

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