

**A LITANY FOR SICKNESS AND ISOLATION,
FOR SHUTDOWNS, CANCELLATIONS,
AND FOR HOPES DEFERRED**

In the Year of Our Lord 2020

Almighty God, Who ever presides over the affairs of all mankind, and without Whose knowledge a sparrow shall neither rise nor fall: we, Thy servants, do humbly beseech Thy mercies to fall upon all for whom we pray:

For Our Neighbors and For the World

For those who have contracted this virus at home and abroad,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those in risk of suffering from this virus, including all elderly, children, and those who are already ill,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who devote their lives to the care of the ill, and who risk their own exposure for the sake of others,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who lead our city, state, and nation and who make decisions amidst the fears, clamors, and consequences of this crisis,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who spend many sleepless and thankless hours in pursuit of a cure,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who fear contracting the virus,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who fear for the health of their loved ones,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who fear the failure of their businesses and the inability to provide for their families,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who fear to be alone,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who fear a dangerous home life, and who fear isolation in a house wherein there is no love,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

For those who are wearied by the collective sorrows and fears of the world,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.



For the Church of God

That we might imitate the spirit of Christ toward the vulnerable,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we might not dismiss the fears of the anxious,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That our hearts might be opened to laughter and sorrow,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That our hearts might be opened with love for our neighbors,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That our hearts might be opened with love for our families,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we might seek stillness and contemplation,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we might embody prudence, courage, and hope,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we might redeem these days with service, study, and prayer,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That Thy Church might faithfully speak, sing, and live the world's True and Better Story,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

These things we ask, most merciful Father, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our only Savior, Who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

