

We pray for a worldwide recovery from the novel coronavirus pandemic. We pray for all the victims of the virus, whether they are affected directly in having contracted the virus themselves, or indirectly in having loved ones who are afflicted with it. May the afflicted recover from the virus, and may the unafflicted stay safe and protected from the disease – especially praying for elders and those who are most vulnerable to the disease’s destructive effects. We pray for all those who have lost their lives to coronavirus and for their bereaved loved ones, that they may rest in peace and be consoled in God’s saving grace which transcends the deathly shackles of this material world. Let there be an end to the havoc coronavirus has been causing our health and to the disruptions it has been triggering in our daily lives. We pray for an imminent decline and eradication of Covid-19; we pray a vaccine will be successfully developed against novel coronavirus, and that such other solutions as our lockdowns and social distancing will finally come to fruition in their desired result of vanquishing the virus. We pray that we’ll soon be once more safe to meet each other in public groups again, that the danger of coronavirus will wither away until we will be again free to see and embrace each other in school, church, libraries, therapy, stores, restaurants and everywhere else in this precious world which God meant for us not to hide from in fear and isolation, but to rejoice in the living community which is the Body of Christ. May God smite this pestilence just as Christ cured the leprous and afflicted of his day; just as Christ miraculously broke through the cages of loneliness which the lepers were condemned by society to isolate themselves in, may God’s touch here heal all the world from this crippling malady and end our terrible isolations. For he is a God of the living; the invisible God who became tangible in the body of Jesus; so let our loved ones again be tangible, not distant from our grasp, but able to be lovingly caressed again, just as Christ’s disciples rejoiced in touching their resurrected Lord; let love be not invisible, remote and abstract, but once more incarnate, present and touchable. Christ saved us from the shackles of death and disease and the virus of sin; may God likewise liberate us from this virus now. Christ saved our souls; may God save our lives now. We pray for a worldwide recovery from and the imminent eradication of novel coronavirus, and thus for a renewed coronation of Christ, our triumphant King, Lord and Saviour!