

A prayer intercession litany calling on our faithful God in this time of crisis

We believe in a God who bends his ear to listen, and so we pray:

1. For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Be merciful and contain the spread of infection.
2. For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from other health conditions. Provide especially for the poor.
3. For our local and national governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic.
4. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and breakthroughs.
5. For those with mental health challenges who feel extra isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.
6. For workers facing being laid off and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.
7. For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help Mums and Dads to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children.
8. For separated Mums and Dads, grow their networks of support, and help them to connect with their children.
9. For those in need of regular therapies and treatments that must now be postponed: God, help them to stay patient and positive.
10. For business leaders making difficult decisions that affect the lives of their employees: God, give these women and men wisdom, and help them to lead self-sacrificially.
11. For pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of closed churches: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their church and love their communities as well.
12. For all students – primary, secondary, university, whose courses of study have been interrupted and are learning in new ways: God, strengthen them in their uncertainty, their learning and their futures.
13. For frontline health care workers, we thank God for their vocational call to serve us. We also pray:
 - God, keep them safe and healthy. Keep their families safe and healthy.
 - God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic.
 - God, deliver them from anxiety for their own loved ones.
 - God, give them compassion for every patient in their care.
 - God, provide for them what they need each day.
 - God, help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that that many would ask about the reason for their hope.
14. For businesses in Felton & Longframlington communities – that they can be sustained and sustain others at this time.
15. For all who need help in our community – they would be able to access it, and not go without.

God, we trust that you are good and you do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.