

# PRAYERS BY POPE FRANCIS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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## Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## Prayer to St Joseph

*Protect*, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

*Enlighten* those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

*Grant* intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

*Sustain* those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

*Bless*, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

*Accompany*, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

*Preserve* the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

*Comfort* those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen.