

**PRIEST:** Loving Lord, who raised Lazarus from the dead, we come to you with our anxious hearts filled with prayers and hopes for the millions of people across our world whose lives have been affected in some way by the coronavirus. You are our life and our hope. Hear and answer our prayers.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Francis and all those in leadership positions in all faith communities across the world, that they will inspire hope and courage in the people in their care. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for our government and those advising them who are in an impossible situation. We ask that their approach will be successful and their plans will protect the most vulnerable in our society. We pray for all those worldwide who have become unwell with COVID-19. We ask that their symptoms do not become severe and they can recover fully. We pray for all those who have died and the loved ones who mourn them; may they find comfort and peace from God.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for health and emergency care workers, for those involved in any way in supporting and caring for anyone who is sick, isolated, afraid or vulnerable in some way, that God will reward their generosity and self-sacrifice, keeping them and their loved ones safe at this present time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us

**READER:** Although we are not able to attend church services we ask that through this trial our faith will increase, our prayer life deepen and that our witness of hope to those around us will be powerful.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for parents, teachers, young people and children who are coping with the early closure of schools, colleges and universities and perhaps the fear of an uncertain future, that God, our loving Father, will watch over, protect and bless them.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** Let us pray for those who have died recently: Stephen Gerald Bakewell, Jackie Powers, Philomena Mullins, David Marks and Kath Brown. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially Eugene O'Donnell, Susan Monica Joyce, Kathleen Finneran and Elizabeth Scull.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish, Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, James Farmer, Philomena Gallagher, Ken and Doreen Shirley, Chris Jena, Keith Frettsome, Lena Gallagher, Kathleen Beale, Colette Hickey, Danny Meadows, Martha Sheridan, and our families wherever they may be.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box

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**PRIEST:** Lord, our God, you know the spoken and unspoken thoughts of our hearts. Be with us during this time of need. Give health, healing, courage, support and compassion to all who need your love as we make our prayers to you, through your Son Jesus and your Holy Spirit of peace. Amen.