

Partners Praying Together

November 2020 – Covid-19 Special



BECAUSE OF THE RAPID CHANGES brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic across the globe much of ABM's normal project work has been disrupted. Because of that, we have asked our Overseas Partners to supply us with prayer points that reflect the situation in their country. Included in this edition of *Partners Praying Together* are the prayer points that we have received. We have included these so that you can show prayerful concern for them as they, who like us are 'wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world' (as the prayer from Compline puts it), adjust to living in a time of global pandemic. You'll also find the usual things we would normally have: the feasts and commemorations from the lectionary, the Australian Cycle of Prayer, and commemorations from the United Nations calendar. All the material is designed to inform your prayers for our Overseas Partners, the bishops and dioceses of our Church and for wider global concerns. With the Psalmist let us pray, 'Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, Lord, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice' (141.2).

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Who are ABM's Overseas Partners?

THIS MONTH WE ARE ASKING YOU not only to remember our each of our Australian dioceses as they grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic, but also each of our each of our Overseas Partners as they deal with it too. Our Overseas Partners consist of Activity Partners (with whom we currently have joint activities), Relational Partners (with whom we have historical relationships) and Networking Partners (with whom we work overseas, or with whom we share information). We have, as the well-used Anglican phrase describes it, strong *bonds of affection* for all of them. Because our overseas work involves both the Church, through our Church-to-Church Unit, and communities, through our Anglicans in Development Unit, we often relate to our partners both through the Church itself and through a particular Church's community development arm. So, as you pray, we ask you to remember each of our Partners (and their community development arms) some of whom are more able to weather through the coronavirus storm than others:

Activity Partners

1. The Anglican Church of Kenya (*ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services*)
2. The Anglican Church of Melanesia (*The Anglican Church of Melanesia's Board of Mission*)
3. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (*Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*)
4. The Church of the Province of Central Africa (*the Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program*)
5. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (*the CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks*)
6. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (*E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP*)
7. The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East (*the Diocese of Jerusalem's Development Desk*)
8. The Philippine Independent Church – *Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI* (*VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI*)

Relational Partners

9. The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China
10. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (*Anglican Missions Board, AMB*)
11. The Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui* 香港聖公會
12. The Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* 日本聖公会
13. The Anglican Church of Korea
14. The Church of Bangladesh
15. The Church of Ceylon
16. The Church of North India
17. The Church of Pakistan

18. The Church of South India
19. The Church of the Province of South East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore)
20. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*the Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA*)
21. The Episcopal Church of Sudan

Networking Partners

22. Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)
23. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada)
24. USPG (UK and Ireland)
25. Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy
26. Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life
27. CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
28. The Mothers' Union

Please remember all our partners in your prayers. Whether they are in Port Moresby, London or Seoul, they need our prayers.

Information from our Partners regarding Covid-19 will be put up on our website as it comes to hand.

EACH DAY THIS MONTH

✠ *ABM Prayer Theme: Pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) whether here in Australia, within ABM's Overseas Partners, or beyond – for the souls of all who have died; for the families and friends they have left behind; for the sick; for those so overwhelmed by anxiety that they have resorted to panic buying and hoarding; for children who are now scared of dying; for those in self-isolation or in quarantine; for those unable to work from home; for those whose businesses have been negatively affected; for those whose income is now reduced or who have been laid off; for those more susceptible to the disease – whether by age or underlying medical condition; for those who are unable, for any reason, to worship in their churches or synagogues, mosques or temples. Give thanks for all the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who are tending to the sick; for the epidemiologists and other scientists who are working towards a vaccine; for those who show kindness to others through 'social distancing', through buying groceries for the elderly, or through phone calls to the isolated; for all those businesses who are able to let their staff work from home; for those who have been buying responsibly in the supermarkets; for those churches who are finding creative ways to engage in worship and prayer online or outside; for all who minister to others in Christ's name in this season of anxiety*

Prayer Points

from our

Overseas Partners

The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

- ✦ Pray for the newly-elected government as it commits to a continued, careful and cautious approach to fighting Covid and as it looks ahead to the next three years. We pray that policies aimed at growing the wellbeing of all New Zealanders will be implemented.
- ✦ Continue to give thanks to nurses and doctors and other healthcare and social workers who are looking out and caring for those struggling with anxiety and depression brought on by the pandemic.
- ✦ Pray for those who have lost their jobs and incomes as a result of the downturn in the economy, asking for hope and reassurance in these difficult times.
- ✦ Give thanks for the Diocese of Polynesia as it continues to roll-out its post-Covid support programme which is improving the lives of so many communities in Fiji and Tonga.
- ✦ Give thanks for the way so many parishes and individuals continue to so generously support overseas mission in spite of difficulties and problems at home.

The Anglican Church of Korea

- ✦ Please pray for all the churches, clergy and church members of the Anglican Church of Korea that they may continue to establish God's kingdom on earth as unchanging faithful servants of the Lord.
- ✦ Please pray for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.
- ✦ May the Lord's healing hand be upon all who suffer physically and mentally in this challenging time, and God's grace be with all who care for them.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

- ✚ Give thanks to God that the positive cases of Corona virus so far are being contained in Quarantine Centres and that all of them have since returned negative tests.
- ✚ Thank God for those serving on the front line in dealing with the pandemic
- ✚ Give thanks to God for so many ordinary men and women who are working hard to keep our economy going through production of goods and service
- ✚ Pray for the Dioceses of Guadalcanal and Hanuato'o as they look forward to the election of their new bishops in the coming months.
- ✚ Pray for students in our schools are preparing to sit their years 9, 11, and 12 exams next month, November.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

- ✚ Pray for Anglican National staff in their community facilitation and engagement with UNCEF in Lower Jimmy in Jiwaka province of Aipo-Rongo Diocese to roll out Covid-19 preparedness and response in integrating gender-based violence risk mitigation and how to support a survivor of GBV and make safe referrals.
- ✚ Pray for ACPNG and Anglicare/ CPP in rolling out the Water, Sanitation and Health program in the five dioceses.
- ✚ Pray for ACPNG clergy and laity in each diocese and parish that they may become aware of new normal culture as they learn to live with the Covid-19 virus and its impact.
- ✚ Pray for Anglican Health Services and staff in their efforts to train health workers and field health workers as they provide health services amid the Covid pandemic impacting on ACPNG and the country more broadly.
- ✚ Pray for the Government of PNG and Churches in their efforts in addressing the Covid-19's impact in the country with the support of external agencies.
- ✚ Pray for the Anglican Education Division secretaries, staff and students as they continue education services amid Covid-19 and pray that everyone adheres to new normal practices.
- ✚ Pray for the PNG Council of Churches in their efforts of prayers and awareness of community social issues that impact lives of people in the communities, especially during the pandemic.

The Church of the Province of South-East Asia

- ✚ We thank and praise the Lord for the Consecration and Installation of The Reverend Canon Dr. Titus Chung Khiam Boon as the 10th Diocesan Bishop of Singapore on 18th

October 2020 at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore. Pray for Bishop Titus Chung that the Lord will supply all he needs to carry out the new assignment that He has given him.

- ✚ We praise and thank God for the wisdom granted to the Malay Rulers and the King of Malaysia in refusing to agree to declare a State of Emergency in Malaysia or any part thereof, despite being advised by the government of the day. Pray that God will continue to bless Malaysia through the Malay Rulers and the King, providing stability to the nation.
- ✚ Pray for the political stability in the nations of Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia in the Province of South East Asia, that the Lord will bring peace, righteous governance and justice to these nations. Pray that politicians will focus on addressing the many challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ✚ Pray for the reality of the Presence of the Resurrected Christ be so close to God's people in times such as this. Pray for peace in facing anxiety, hope in despair, encouragement in defeat, healing from sickness (of spirit, soul and body), revelation in confusion, comfort in sadness, strength in weakness, assurance in fear, courage in facing giants, and faith in removing mountains of challenges.
- ✚ Pray for the Church that we will not lose focus of the primary call and mission of the Church, that is to preach the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth. Continue to pray that the Church will be blessed with innovation, creativity and resilience to faithfully stay on course.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

- ✚ Pray for the poorest of the poor in these Middle Eastern lands, most especially in the Yemen, racked with wars and turmoil.
- ✚ Pray for all Iranians and for the fragile Anglican Diocese of Iran, currently in need of a bishop to guide and sustain it.
- ✚ Pray for those with power to affects lives for good or ill, particularly politicians and business leaders.
- ✚ Pray for the Holy Land and for the Diocese of Jerusalem and its bishops, Archbishop Suheil Dawani and Bishop Hosam Naoum.
- ✚ Pray for the Primate, Archbishop Michael Lewis, and his Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.
- ✚ Pray for all scientists working to understand and combat Covid-19.

The *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* **The Philippine Independent Church**

- ✦ Pray for the safety, protection, and comfort of our siblings who have been devastated by the Strong Typhoons in the Philippines.
- ✦ Pray for the enlightenment of the Philippine government that as the cases of the corona virus continue to rise, to appropriately response to the medical and health situation is strengthening the health security program rather than a militaristic response, and not to capitalize the situation for personal gain.
- ✦ Pray for healing and recovery of those who have been infected by the corona virus decease; and pray for strength and courage of the medical and health workers and volunteers all over the world, as they selflessly serve to the needs of the sick and ill.
- ✦ Pray for the poor, impoverished, oppressed and marginalized workers, farmers, indigenous peoples, and Moro people, may God give them strength and perseverance in their struggle for a dignified life.
- ✦ Pray for continued strength of those who work for justice and peace; for the persecuted Church in the Philippines, pray for the human rights activists who continue to experience demonization, vilification and red-tagging from state forces.
- ✦ Pray for strength, courage and the immediate release of Reina Mae Nasino, 23-yearold youth activist leader in Manila, who is illegally detained, and pray for all those who continue to languish and suffer in jail, facing trumped-up cases, brought by the government's crackdown against the activists.
- ✦ Pray that Justice be served for Baby River, Reina Mae's 3-months old child, who was deprived of motherly care at a very early age, may Baby River and all the victims of extra-judicial killing receive justice, and may their soul rest in peace and on that day, rise up in glory with Christ.
- ✦ Pray for the end of the tyrannical rule espoused by the Duterte government, whose main purpose is to stifle legal dissent, pray for the restoration of democracy and for the deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation.

日本聖公会

The *Nippon Sei Ko Kai* **The Anglican Communion in Japan**

- ✦ Give thanks for the recent consecration of Renta Nishihara as the new Bishop of Chubu diocese in central Japan, and pray for his ministry

- ✦ Pray for all those worrying about employment or the future in Japan as the year comes towards the end, especially with the demands of the Christmas season
- ✦ Give thanks for the ministry of Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu as Primate of the NSKK for the past 14 years and pray for his recently-elected successor
- ✦ Pray for doctors, nurses and all other healthcare professionals as they continue to care for those suffering with Covid-19, especially as the winter influenza season approaches
- ✦ Give thanks for the cooler weather of Autumn and the beautiful colours of God's creation it brings for all to enjoy

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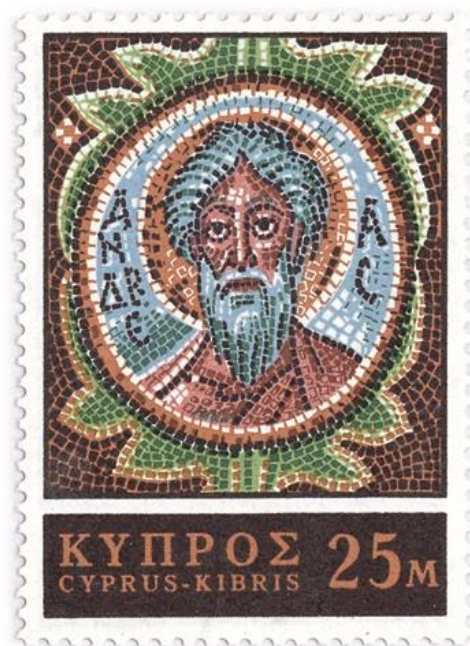
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Nov	Commemorations and the Australian Cycle of Prayer	Overseas Partner + development arm – where appropriate	UN Days
Sun 1	All Saints' Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; the General Secretary – Anne Hywood; the General Synod and the Standing Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Kenya <i>ADS-Eastern, a branch of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Anglican Development Services</i> 	
Mon 2	All Souls' Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, his assistant bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Melanesia <i>The ACOM Board of Mission</i> <p><i>See p. 5</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
Tue 3	Richard Hooker, priest and teacher († 1600) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rick Lewers, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea <i>Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea</i> <p><i>See p. 5</i></p>	
Wed 4	<i>Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Ballarat – Bishop Garry Weatherill, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Central Africa <i>The Zambia Anglican Council's Outreach Program</i> 	

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Thu 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of Myanmar CPM’s Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tsunami Awareness Day
Fri 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bendigo – Bishop Matt Brain, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church in the Philippines E-CARE, a community development organization of the ECP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
Sat 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Brisbane – Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem’s Development Desk</i> <p>See p. 6</p>	
Sun 8	<p>Pentecost 23 [Ordinary Sunday 32] <i>Prayer for the Defence Forces of Australia may be offered today, the Sunday nearest Remembrance Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Philippine Independent Church – (<i>Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI</i>) <i>VIMROD – the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IFI</i> <p>See p. 7</p>	

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Mon 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Bishop Mark Short, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Amity Foundation – an expression of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China 	
Tue 10	<p>Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher († 461)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <i>Anglican Missions Board, AMB</i> <p>See p. 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Science Day for Peace and Development
Wed 11	<p>Martin, Bishop of Tours, († ca. 387)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard Treloar, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</i> 香港聖公會) 	
Thu 12	<p>Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist († 1836)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Japan (<i>Nippon Sei Ko Kai</i> 日本聖公会) <p>See p. 7</p>	
Fri 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia – Bishop Chris McLeod, Aboriginal clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church of Korea <p>See p. 4</p>	
Sat 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander People of Australia – Torres Strait clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Bangladesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Diabetes Day

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Sun 15	Pentecost 24 [Ordinary Sunday 33] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Melbourne – Archbishop Philip Freier, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Ceylon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
Mon 16	Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor († 1093) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Newcastle – Bishop Peter Stuart, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of North India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for Tolerance
Tue 17	Hilda of Whitby, abbess († 680) Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln († 1200) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of Pakistan 	
Wed 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of North West Australia – Bishop Garry Nelson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of South India 	

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Thu 19	<p>Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist († 1231)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church of the Province of South-East Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of Indo-China) <p>See p. 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Toilet Day World Philosophy Day
Fri 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of South Sudan <p><i>The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Africa Industrialization Day World Children's Day
Sat 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Very Rev Peter Grice (Bishop-Elect), the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Episcopal Church of Sudan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Television Day
Sun 22	<p>Christ the King [Ordinary Sunday 34]</p> <p><i>Ember week begins¹</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Sydney – Archbishop Glenn Davies, the regional bishops, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Episcopal Relief and Development (USA) 	

¹ Prayers for the ordained ministry of the Church are appropriate this Ember week

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Mon 23	Clement of Rome, bishop and martyr († ca. 100) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Tasmania – Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (Canada) 	
Tue 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Murray – Bishop Keith Dalby, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USPG (UK and Ireland) 	
Wed 25	James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon († 1941) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
Thu 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life 	
Fri 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diocese of Willochra – Bishop John Stead, the clergy and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa 	
Sat 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mothers’ Union 	
Sun 29	Advent I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St George’s College, Jerusalem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

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Mon 30	Andrew, apostle and martyr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

Omissions and displacements in November this year –

8 November: Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion

Let our prayer come before you as incense ...

Almighty God, we call out to you as the world continues to suffer under the weight of the coronavirus pandemic. O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

That you would support and sustain the infected. Heal them and help them. Enliven their spirits and give strength to their bodies. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would support vulnerable populations. Defend the elderly and those who live with chronic conditions and diseases. Shield the poor, especially where public health systems are expensive or ineffective. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would confront the shameless who think that physical distancing rules don't apply to them, and the greedy who stockpile toilet paper, face masks and medications, with their imprudence and folly. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would motivate the young and the strong with the desire to help others who are not so fortunate. May they assist, all the while being necessarily cautious. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would shepherd and direct all who are part of governments – local, regional and national – around the world. May they equitably allocate resources for combatting the pandemic. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would enlighten the scientific and medical communities as they seek to find effective vaccines and treatments and as they educate the rest of us about the disease. Give them wisdom, as well as the skill to make their voices heard. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would guide the media, helping them to broadcast up-to-date and correct information in a way that is easy to understand and that does not cause panic. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would give us the desire to stay well informed. May we find relevant local reports which endow us to be good neighbours. Free us from fear, and support us to apply the recommended approaches in our lives, even at a cost to ourselves. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would help all who suffer mental stress at this time, those who feel lonely, fretful, vulnerable or hopeless. Give them what they need. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**

That you would aid all who have lost their jobs or whose jobs are precarious, and those whose businesses are dead or dying. Pity them, and send your Spirit of consolation in their hour of need. O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come to you.**