

The Glorious Mysteries during the pandemic

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 4:5-7)*

So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you. *(1 Peter 5:6-7)*

(Together, we pray:)

Dear God, there's much uncertainty around us. So many people who need prayers.

Lord, someday it seems overwhelming. But you tell us over and over again not to be afraid.

Show us how to trust in you. As we examine our hearts, help us to turn away from concern for ourselves, and turn our heart, hands, and prayers toward the concerns of others.

Tonight, we pray...

For those whose health is compromised by the coronavirus or other health issues, physical, emotional or spiritual;

For those who have died from the coronavirus or other causes; may they be at rest with You in your eternal peace;

For the families of those who are sick or have died; may they know Your peace;

For those who suffer from the economic impact of this virus;

For health care workers, first responders, and other public servants who put themselves in harm's way for us;

For the leaders of the world, our countries, states, cities and churches as they seek to help manage this challenge.

The Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

1st Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection

Jesus rises from the dead. He said to them, "Do not be amazed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'

The risen Jesus has proved that man, together with Him, can have power over sin and therefore death. Jesus, help raise us up, deliver us from sin, from evil, from our current crisis; give us Your light; give us Your joy. Ignite within us love, faith, hopefulness, and the gift of prayer. Mary, we ask for the gift of unshakeable faith.

2nd Glorious Mystery – The Ascension

While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven.

Jesus, You have not deserted Your apostles in anguish, but have given them the joy of knowing Jesus "glorified" over 40 days. After Your Ascension, You granted to all those who seek You the gift of receiving You in the Eucharist. Jesus, please come into our hearts and unite us wholly to You in spiritual communion. Mother Mary, help us be a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory.

3rd Glorious Mystery – the Descent of the Holy Spirit

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Jesus, enlighten us with the light of Your Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love. Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, into our hearts and souls. May our prayers and support be with all those who are instrumental in overcoming this crisis that they will be inspired to seek the good of all. Mary, give us the gift of hope.

4th Glorious Mystery – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For He has looked upon His handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.”

Mother Mary, help us to grow in the virtues of faith, hope and love. We pray for patience and perseverance; for calm in the midst of fear; for the grace to overcome adversity; for generosity of spirit; for hope in times of despair; for light in the darkness.

5th Glorious Mystery – The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Mary, our Mother in Heaven, we pray that we always turn to you with full faith and hopefulness. Mother of Divine Love, we ask you to hear our prayers as we come before you. Inspire us to acts of solidarity and generosity and give us hope of a brighter future. We pray that we always will be joined to your Heart, and therefore to the Heart of Jesus.

After each decade: (Requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima): **O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.**

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech You, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,

You, the God who does not abandon. (Sister Christine Koelhoffer, IHM)



Knowing You are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.