

Crafted Prayer in Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic

HOPE

Father God, I declare that You are my eternal Hope, even in the midst of fear and anxiety all around me. Your hope does not disappoint because Your love has been poured into my heart through the Holy Spirit who has been given to me. Your hope is founded not upon wishful thinking but upon the firm foundation of Your character.

TRUST

Father, I declare my trust in You not just in seasons of health, but also in seasons of sickness for You are my Rock, my strong tower. I look forward to the day when You will make all things new, when every tear will be wiped away, when all that is wrong, sick and twisted in this world will be set right. I long for Your perfect Kingdom to come in all its power and glory, and I thank You that I am already a citizen of Your Kingdom.

PEACE

Father, You know my heart, my fears, my anxieties for myself, my family, my city and nation. Please calm my heart as I look to You. Remind me of Your sovereignty and help me to reflect Your loving care to those around me that do not yet carry the hope that You have entrusted to me. Help me to receive comfort both from You and from my community.

HEALING

Jesus, thank You that You are the Healer. I ask for healing for all those affected by the virus. I ask for Your angels to surround and comfort the sick. I ask for Your Spirit to touch them and bring life in the face of pain and even death. I ask that You would receive all the glory for every healing. Jesus, You are the Great Physician so I pray for multiplied signs and wonders to happen that confirm the preaching of Your Word and turn many people to You.

BE GLORIFIED

Jesus, I ask that You would glorify Your name even in the midst of suffering, pain and death! You cause all things to work together for good, and I pray You will work through this pandemic to bring millions to their knees in surrender to You. Show people all over the world their desperate need for Your grace and forgiveness! Break down the walls of false religion and materialism, and breakthrough in the lives of people at their place of greatest desperation. Let this virus be the cause of many millions turning to You!

GIVE ME COMPASSION

Jesus, You are the Head of the Church and I ask that You would stir Your people to compassion in this time. Move Your worldwide Church – from megachurches to house churches – to reach out in kindness and love. Help us to wash the feet of our communities, in Your name. Soften the hearts of Your people, Lord, and through them soften the hearts of many lost people to the truth of Your gospel.

THOSE ON FRONTLINES

Holy Spirit, I also intercede for those on the front lines of this global health crisis: the doctors, nurses, paramedics, caregivers, police and other first responders. I pray that You would protect them from physical harm and sickness, but also protect them from hardened hearts in the face of so many needs. Grant them supernatural wisdom and revelation in this hour to know how to care for those around them. Please watch over their families as they are stretched thin in so many ways. Holy Spirit, I also ask for breakthrough in the search for a vaccine, as well as for effective treatments for this disease. Fill researchers and medical professionals with the spirit of wisdom and insight to be able to make connections, perceive clearly, communicate well and produce effective medical answers for the needs of the hour.

MAKE US LOVE

Holy Spirit, I pray that You fill me with wisdom, faith, compassion, love and understanding toward those around me. Your perfect love drives out all fear, and I pray that I would reflect Your perfect love to my family, my neighbors, my community, and my nation. Empower me, Lord, to respond in ways that glorify and exalt Jesus.

Luke 21:10-19

Philippians 3:20-21

Psalm 46

Psalm 91

2 Corinthians 4-5

John 11:25-26