

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK 2020

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| INTRODUCTORY RITE |
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SIGN OF THE CROSS

Leader: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

INTRODUCTION

Leader: God has given us each other to love.
Together, we live in these uncertain times.
Together, we face our weaknesses and discover our strengths.
Together, we turn to God to give us hope.
And we are never alone -- God is always with us, too.
So, in our prayer this week,
we remember all he has done for us.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith we pray,
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Roman Missal: Collect, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions:
"In Time of Pandemic"*

THE WORD OF GOD

READING

Romans 8:31b-35

Reader #1 A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all;

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who is also at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Leader: Confident in the love of the Father, let us turn to him with our needs.

Reader #2: For all the members of the Church, that we may find unity in our prayer, even when we are apart, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader #3: For leaders of nations, states, and cities, that their decisions will be guided by compassion for the poor and the weak, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader #2: For all the members of our family, especially those who are far away or those we cannot see, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader #3: For all health care workers, that they may be protected from harm and strengthened by our support, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader #2: For all who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus, that they may be healed, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader #3: For all who have died, especially for those people who have died alone today, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father,...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Heavenly Father,
You sent your only Son to preach your Good News
and to suffer and die for our salvation.
Be with us now in this time.
Give us hope;
give us a grace to do all we can to help each other, and
give us grateful hearts to recognize your love in our midst.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.