A Litany For These Times

The Lord has promised to be with us. He has also promised to love us no matter what. The Lord has given gifts to use in his name to further his kingdom, to serve our neighbors, and to help ourselves when we face adversity. He has promised to always listen when we call

on his name. Hold on to these promises, seek ways to use your gifts as God leads, and be always in prayer, lifting those is need to the Lord:

- Remember the sick.
- Pray for those who are alone.
- Lift up the dying.
- Comfort those who want desperately to be with the sick and the dying but cannot be.

Lord, hear our prayers.

- Empower caregivers with the strength they need.
- Give them peace of mind and of spirit as they face the suffering around them.
- Protect them from harm.
- Protect their families.

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- Be with those who are working to find a treatment for this virus.
- Give those who look for a vaccine the wisdom and insight they need.
- Speed recovery efforts.
- Help researchers draw on their years of training and experience and be open to new ideas and possibilities their efforts reveal.

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- Be with the innovative and creative people among us who are seeking ways to help in this time of shortages of crucial medical supplies.
- Be with those who are charged with the task of making decisions on behalf of the community – be it a neighborhood, town, state, country, or the world, that they will act wisely in the best interest of everyone.
- Let them not lose sight of the fact that they serve all the people, and that every life is important.
- Do not let us forget the other needs in the world. Violence, hunger, homelessness, racism, and sexism have not gone away.

Lord, hear our prayers.

- Support those who are seeking ways to maintain community when we must be physically apart.
- Help all of us hold on to joy and not lose sight of the blessings you have given us.
- Remind us to be thankful for our blessings.
- Help us to hold on to the hope of a future day when we can be together again in body as well as in spirit.

Lord, hear our prayers and fill us with your presence. Help us to rejoice in you, listen for your voice, and follow your leading in these days

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