**A LITANY amidst COVID-19 (Coronavirus) PANDEMIC**

God the Father,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty

surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19.

As the sorrows of our heart and mind increase,

we beseech you to save us from all trouble and fear.

Cast away all works of darkness. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe.

For the Lord is our stronghold and sure defence, and he will be our Saviour.

**For all who have died:** receive them into the arms of your mercy,

grant them eternal peace, and surround those who mourn with your healing grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For those directly infected with the virus:**

help them recover in good health and restore them in body, mind and spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For those at high risk of infection, especially the elderly,**

**those with underlying illnesses, the marginalized, and the poor:**

keep them healthy and free from all sickness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For those in quarantine, the shut-in, and the infirm:** help them find peace,

keep them in good health and renew their mind and spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the emergency services and medical caregivers:**

protect them as they minister to the sick, relieve all stress,

and provide the resources and space to meet the needs of all the infirm.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of resources:**

have mercy on them, alleviate any fear,

and provide for them daily bread and wage.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the leaders of this nation and the world:**

help them make sound and safe decisions

to best secure the future of our planet.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all scientists and those working to find reliable tests or a cure:**

inspire them towards your truth,

and help them discover and disseminate appropriate tests, and a vaccine and cure.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all places of worship:**

embolden them to be beacons of hope and love,

and help us to gather in spirit or online to give you praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the young:** spare them from harm and fear,

and keep them a joyful sign of your love and light.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all parents:** build in them strength and fortitude for the time ahead,

and give them the words and witness to be wise counsellors

and compassionate caregivers.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For calm amidst the storm:** remind us to not be afraid,

that with you all things are possible, and that even the wind and sea obey you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Stir up in us a spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead. Amen.

Move us to check-in with loved ones at high risk of infection and those in quarantine. Amen.

Ease our fear and anxiety, that we may share our resources rather than hoard them and extend a helping hand to those in need. Amen.

Inspire us to share the Good News of your love and hope. Amen.

All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ our Lord: healer of the sick,

ruler of the tempestuous sea, and Saviour of the world. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.