

Pope Francis's prayer to Mary **during coronavirus pandemic**

Let us Pray,

O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Psalm 91

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."
He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague,**

He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon.—Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come. You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see. Because you have the LORD for your refuge and have made the Most High your stronghold,

No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone. I can tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon. Because he clings to me I will deliver him; because he knows my name I will set him on high. He will call upon me and I will answer; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and give him honor. With length of days I will satisfy him, and fill him with my saving power.

Prayer to end the Corona Virus

Heavenly Father, you bring us strength and courage during difficult times in this world. We humbly bow down to you, asking for an end to the death, fear, and pain brought on by the recent corona virus epidemic. For those families and friends who have encountered the death of a loved one, may you bring comfort; for those inflicted by the virus, may you bring healing, and for those who struggle with the fear of a loved one or themselves encountering the disease, may you bring peace.

We ask that you protect all healthcare personnel, as they are instrumental in the fight to end the corona virus.

Dear God, we trust in you. AMEN