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Prayer Resource:

National Day of Prayer for the End of this Pandemic.

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales have invited all Catholics to keep Saturday 21 November as a day of national prayer to bring an end to the current pandemic.



Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph:

The Heavenly Father chose you, Saint Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can see the loving plan of the Eternal Father who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

By your intercession help us to be faithful and protect all the Eternal Father has entrusted to us in our days.

Pray for us that, through all the circumstances of our lives we may draw ever closer to the Lord Jesus, above all in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Intentions:

For health for those who are sick.

For strength for all medical staff.

For wisdom for those in government.

For peace for those who mourn.

For patience for ourselves.

To rise in glory for those who have died.

Prayer: *from the Roman Missal*

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, that though rightly chastised now by affliction, they may find relief at last through your loving mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis:

Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people," *[Protectress of all people]* you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



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