

Let us call together upon God the Father through the prayer that Jesus taught us

## OUR FATHER

At the end of our prayer let us turn together to Saint Agostina, patron of nurses, and ask her to intercede for all those caring for the sick:

**O Saint Agostina**, patron of nurses,  
We pray to you, at this difficult time  
which requires true heroism from all carers.  
Sustain the courage, strength and health of these  
heroes and their families,  
which support their commitment and generosity.



*Agostina, as a true daughter of Jeanne Antide,  
you fled next to the suffering people, when, at the end of the  
19th century, tuberculosis caused many victims,  
who, in Rome, were admitted at the Holy Spirit Hospital.*

May your example strengthen  
the generous service of all health-carers.  
You said to those who worked with you:  
*«We are exposed, yet the Lord protects us  
and we should not neglect our duty of charity,  
even at the cost of our life».*  
May your word encourage us.

Perhaps you did not know the Hippocratic oath,  
yet you had sworn another oath in your heart:  
“Relieve the suffering because they are  
the members of the suffering Jesus Christ”,  
thus, we pray you to support us, at this time of trial. Amen



*Song to Mary*



On a journey: let us meditate



*Prayer of April 2020*



*Let us invoke God's mercy with a refrain*

In this Easter Time, in which we are called to  
live in confinement, as in an Holy Saturday, day that  
calls us to light, the true light that comes from the faith,  
we have our heart and mind full of questions...

Let us take the time to *ask to ourselves which  
our priorities are, which our life choices.*

Let us ask the grace to become signs of hope  
and witnesses of an inventive charity, in this special  
time.



*Let us invoke God's mercy with a refrain*

**Psalm 54** *Ant: Entrust your suffering to the Lord:  
He alone will make you free.*

God, save me by your name,\*  
in your power vindicate me.  
God, hear my prayer,\*  
listen to the words I speak;  
Arrogant men are attacking me +  
bullies hounding me to death;\*  
no room in their thoughts for God.  
But now God is coming to my help, the Lord,\*  
among those who sustain me.  
May their wickedness recoil  
on those who lie in wait for me,\*  
Yahweh, in your constancy destroy them;  
How gladly will I offer you sacrifice\*  
and praise your name, for it is good.  
for it has rescued me from all my troubles,\*  
and my eye has feasted on my enemies.  
Glory to the father...



Silence

Let us pray with Jeanne Antide and ask for the Lord's help to live this time with serenity and peace:

*"We prostrate before You Lord, listen to our prayer come to our help and hurry to save us, deliver us from the oppression of our enemies because it is in You Alone that we put all our trust and hope..."*



Let us invoke the mercy of God with a refrain

### From the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* n° 202

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.



Silence

From the Gospel of St. John, *Jn 13*

*"Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist...."*

With this generous Yes of Jesus who is giving us Life, His Life, let us look together to another example, that we receive from Mary.... Let us take again Sr Nunzia's words and read them with an Easter spirit...

*"Let's make ours Mary's experience, who before standing at the feet of that cross, had promised God to stop in her womb, to be hosted in her innocence. And thus God became Man. And the divine "is transmitted" to the human; not like a virus, but through an act of infinite love, which introduced Eternity into time, the Word into history, the Son of God into man's tent. And, always out of love, He became like us in everything. Except sin, precisely in everything : in our tears, joy, suffering, hunger, thirst, fear ... even death. That contagion didn't cause death, but life, salvation and happiness.*



Let us invoke the mercy of God with a song

### Intercessions (from the website [americamagazine.org](http://americamagazine.org))

To You Lord, our Refuge and our Salvation we present our prayer:



R: *Kyrie Eleison* (3)

- *Lord, You are our healing*, cure those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. **(R)**
- *Lord, You are Life*, be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. **(R)**
- *Lord, You are the Comforter*, be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace **(R)**
- *Lord, You are Wisdom*, be with the researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. **(R)**
- *Lord, You are the Creator of heaven and earth*, Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. **(R)**

SPONTANEOUS INTERCESSIONS