

Intercessions for Pentecost Sunday

Lord Jesus, you sent your Holy Spirit to be with us at all times and so we call upon that same spirit to be with us now as we pray!

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

By your Spirit, heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

By your Spirit, heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

By your Spirit, heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

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 the Spirit of peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

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. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace and fill us with your Spirit.

Lord of the church

Hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.