

Following the example of Christ, who prayed for himself and his disciples on the night before his death, let us present our prayers to our loving and merciful Father:

1. For the Church, the Body of Christ throughout the world, for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for our Bishop Felipe, our Pastor Fr. Emmanuel, and for Fr. Clyde, for strength and wisdom to lead us in our journey to the Kingdom of love, mercy, and compassion for the world, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For all the faithful in the Church, both ordained and lay faithful, as we experience the hunger for the Holy Eucharist during this long period of Eucharistic fast, especially during this most Holy Holy Days; for all to have the courage to sustain our faithfulness to the command of love, and the hope to soon be able to share the sacred meal and offer the Holy Sacrifice as our most important sign of our love and unity, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For wisdom and prudence for our country's leaders and scientist as they face the inevitable responsibility to protect our lives and guide us through this time of danger and disease, and for all world leaders who are also facing this life-threatening pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For continued prayer for all those afflicted by the coronavirus infection, for their families and loved ones; for the prompt recovery of those who are on ventilators and intensive care units, emergency rooms, hospitals, and in our homes, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For the doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel who are desperately caring for those with this devastating disease; for their safety and protection and for the wellbeing of their families, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For all those who find themselves homeless, in shelters, nursing homes, migrant detentions centers and other places where there is no choice of freedom, for God's protection and compassionate hands to help them, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For our Catholic community in Gainesville and throughout our Diocese: for courage to embrace the sacrificial love of Christ as we are being called to give up our lives so others can have a chance of living; for the grace to embrace the challenge to our freedom and comfort with the joy and hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
8. For those who have died, especially those who have died in hospitals, alone, without the comfort of their loved ones, for the families left behind in devastation and sorrow, for the mercy of God to embrace them in love and compassion during their final moments, and for all the needs which we now lift up in silent prayer, ...[pause]...let us pray to the Lord.

**Prayer: God of love, we know that you hear us when we call to you in our need.
In our greatest need you gave us Jesus, your Son, as our Redeemer.
He showed us the depth of your love for us when he gave himself for our salvation.
We ask you, in your love and mercy,
to hear our prayers in this hour of crisis and need:
to calm our hunger for the Eucharist,
and to sustain our faith in your promised resurrection**

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen