

As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, in these difficult times, let us continue to raise our voices in supplication, confident that God will hear us and give us what we need:

1. For the Church to embrace the sacrificial love of Christ as our guide and path to a new life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the world leaders and scientists in our country and in every nation to find a cure to this terrible disease, for prudent decisions to be made in the best interest of protecting the sanctity of life, and for the health and well-being of all those who are leading our country during this difficult time, let us pray to the Lord.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. For those who are confined to home, especially families with children and elderly people, for peace and acceptance in our hearts, and for strength remain faithful throughout this time of confinement, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For our Catholic community at Holy Faith, in Gainesville, in all Parishes of our Diocese and our nation; for embracing 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 our 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 for our parishioner, Dr. Benjamin Eduardo Victorica and for Jose Carlos, son of our parishioner, Dania Magee, and for all 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: Loving and merciful Father,
As we embrace the cross with it passion and suffering
in imitation of your beloved Son
we entrust to you our lives and our needs,
with the hope that you will hear our prayers
and give us the hope we need as we wait for the glorious resurrection.**

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen