

The Good Shepherd gives us confidence and courage to ask God for what we need. Let us now offer our requests to God knowing that he already knows what we need:

1. For Church leaders to follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd in care and leadership; for all of us to be protected from the dangers that we encounter, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For our continued prayers for our government leaders and our scientist: for the guidance of the Spirit to ensure a treatment and vaccine for the coronavirus, for strength and courage to labor incessantly to protect our lives, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For the safety and protection of those who are elderly, in nursing homes, in prison, in migrant camps, or wherever people have no options but to be crowded: let us pray to the Lord
4. For courage and strength for those who have lost their jobs and are struggling to get food and care for their families, for our compassionate hearts to reach out to them in the name of Jesus and for offer hope for those who despair, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For gratitude and support for all workers who are feeding us, protecting our health, cleaning our garbage, caring for our children, and reaching out to all in need during this crisis, for them to experience strength and encouragement from our outreach to them, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those among us who have doubts of faith and are troubled by fear, depression, and loneliness, for an outpouring of the mercy of Christ among all who are suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For those who have died, most recently **Christine Blythe & Deacon Dennis Shaw**, and especially those who have died in hospitals, alone, without the comfort of their loved ones, for families who are suffering the pain of not being able to bury their loved ones, for the mercy of God to embrace them in love and compassion, and for all the needs which we now lift up in silent prayer, ...[pause]...let us pray to the Lord.

**Prayer: Loving God and Father,
 you know us each by name and now our needs.
 Hear our prayers and let your Holy Spirit fill our hearts,
 so that we may have the courage to follow
 your Son, the Good Shepherd,
 through the path to eternal life.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen