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** ** *The following can be prayed alone or with family members in your household.*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son (+),
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT
Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins.

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

OPENING PRAYER
Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, putting off our old self with all its ways,
we may live as Christ did,
for through the healing paschal remedies
you have conformed us to his nature.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS (click for readings of the day)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
For bishops, priests, and especially deacons,
that, like Stephen,
they may speak with the wisdom
that comes from the Holy Spirit.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That during this pandemic,
essential workers might know the care and gratitude
of all those they serve.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For high school and college seniors
who must forego anticipated celebrations,
that they might accept disappointment
and move ahead in faith and hope.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the undocumented,
the furloughed, the sick
and all those who lives have been thrown into uncertainty
during this time of trial,
that they may find support and comfort
in the Christian community.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That eternal life in heaven
may now be the portion of all those who have died.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER
At the Savior's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER
Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESAN PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC
O God,
whose Only Begotten Son
bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation,
hear the prayers of your Church
for our sick brothers and sisters
and deliver us from this time of trial.
Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son:
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right
and the faith to endure this hour,
that we might gather once again to praise your name
in the heart of your Church,
delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING
May Almighty God bless us,
the Father (+),
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.