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**&nbsp**; 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.

As we recall year by year the mysteries by which, through the restoration of its original dignity, human nature has received the hope of rising again, we earnestly beseech your mercy, Lord, that what we celebrate in faith we may possess in unending love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 the apostles and prophets of the Church today, that they may rely on God's power to open the doors of closed hearts.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That in this darkness, governments might find the path to light. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For young people graduating from high school and college, that they might seek the Lord who can deliver them from all their fears and make them radiant with joy. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those afflicted in mind, body or spirit, that they may call upon the Lord who can free them from distress.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that they may taste and see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

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,

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as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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

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