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<u> </u> 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.

Almighty ever-living God, let us feel your compassion more readily during these days when, by your gift, we have known it more fully, so that those you have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of your truth. 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 leaders of the Church, that they might proclaim the Good News with boldness and clarity. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For catechists, that filled with the Spirit, they might accompany all those who seek the living God. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer. That all those who are giving themselves so generously for the life of the world might be filled with courage and hope. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who long for the living bread come down from heaven might soon be joined at the table of the Lord. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who have died, that the risen Christ may open the gates of heaven to them in welcome and joy. 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 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

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