

Prayers for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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In new and unexpected ways our Lenten journey has become an arduous way of the cross. In company with Jesus, let us pray for the whole human family at this time of global crisis.

We pray for Christian communities around the world. May their loving care for all in need be a powerful sign of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **(Pause for silent prayer)**

We pray for front-line health workers and all essential services personnel. May their dedication inspire us to new levels of generous service and neighbourly care. **(Pause for silent prayer)**

We pray for those most vulnerable to the social, economic and medical effects of COVID-19: the frail aged, the chronically ill, the poor, the homeless and all refugees. May they be fully valued throughout the crisis. **(Pause for silent prayer)**

We pray for all whose mental health is jeopardised by isolation and confinement. May the support of family and friends help them cope with this challenge. **(Pause for silent prayer)**

We pray for one another. May we find new ways to pray, be connected in faith and celebrate the paschal mystery in this Holy Week like no other. **(Pause for silent prayer)**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be raised to glory in Christ the Lord. **(Pause for silent prayer)**

Living and life-giving God, your Son emptied himself to become one of us, even unto death. Deliver us from the fear of death and help us live in the freedom of faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen