



COVERING THE WORLD IN PRAYER:  
**COVID-19**

MARCH 29—APRIL 4

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.



### **Global Family,**

God’s invitation and reminder to us all in these times of trouble is to affirm His goodness and care. As Nahum 1:7 reminds us: “The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.”

God’s Word assures us that when His people come together to pray, He listens. It is with that in mind that I humbly ask you to join us in prayer the week of March 29-April 4. I invite our frontline church partners, children and youth - as they are able - to join with Compassion staff and supporters in lifting up our hurting world in this turbulent time.

The following prayer guide will provide suggested scriptures and ways that you can connect and pray with us. It’s seasons like these that I’m especially grateful for God’s exhortation “do not fear” so many times throughout the scriptures! Let us boldly approach the Throne of Grace and Mercy together on behalf of a world in need of His hope and love.

With Gratitude,

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# PRAYER POINTS



## SUNDAY

1. Pray against the **fear** of this pandemic. God has not given us a spirit of fear.
2. Pray for people with a **high risk** of developing the disease. Ask the Lord to protect & keep them.
3. Pray for many **medical professionals** who are tirelessly serving those impacted by this virus. Ask the Lord to strengthen them as well as give His peace while also protecting them.

## MONDAY

1. Pray for the field of **medical researchers** who are working diligently to find a vaccine. Pray for the Lord to direct their paths.
2. Pray for those who are sincerely **servicing** those who are impacted by the virus. Ask the Lord to raise up people who would serve with compassion and care.
3. Pray for wisdom for our **leaders in government**, at all levels, to contain the virus from spreading while ably caring for the safety of their people.

## TUESDAY

1. Pray for those who have lost their livelihood or income and are suffering from **financial loss** during this time of crisis. Ask the Lord to be their Provider.
2. Pray for the loved ones of the people who have **passed away** because of this virus. Ask the Lord to comfort each of them, with His unfailing love and grace.
3. With social distancing practised and social events being cancelled, ask the Lord to raise up a new chapter of building meaningful & deeper **relationships** with each other.

## WEDNESDAY

1. Pray for those who are **isolated or quarantined** because of the virus, ask the Lord to be their joy, their strength and their counsel.
2. Pray for people who don't have access to proper **medical care** and support. May the Lord provide them with good care or miraculously heal and deliver them.
3. Pray for nations where **food crisis** is happening, as people lack access to clean water and food. Ask the Lord to provide their daily bread by He Himself becoming the bread of life and giver of living waters.

## THURSDAY

1. Pray for the Lord to **protect our children** in the programme in this season of sickness. Ask the Lord to place a hedge of protection over each child & their families.
2. Pray for **wisdom and resilience** for churches all over the world, may the Lord be their strength and guide as they respond to the challenges of the virus facing their communities and churches.
3. Pray for our **supporters**. May each of them be surrounded by the grace, love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord to hold their hands & lead them.

## FRIDAY

1. Pray for the people of God to **focus on Jesus** who is the Author & Perfecter of our Faith. Pray for us not to be weighed down by the growing pandemic, but to trust in the Lord.
2. Ask the Lord to stop the virus from **spreading** further. Let us pray "Father, let your kingdom come and your will be done".
3. Pray for the **global church**, that God's people would be a vessel of healing, care and comfort in this time of pain.

## SATURDAY

1. For everyone in the **Compassion global family** as we unite our hearts in and through this crisis. Ask the Lord to make us one body for His glory, by serving and loving our neighbours in this crisis.
2. Pray for the Lord to **unify His church** through this crisis, that we will become salt and light in our communities.





# CREATIVE PRAYER FORMATS

Consider using any of the following prayer formats in your times of daily prayer:

1.

## **PRAYER WORLD MAP**

Find a world map and pray over the nations of the world, or draw your own map and pray over the specific needs/challenges of each continent as you go.

2.

## **PRAYER OVER SPECIFIC COUNTRIES**

Choose a country where the virus is rapidly spreading. Spend some time learning about the specific needs in that place using online resources. Pray over the country for the Lord to heal and deliver the people.

3.

## **PRAYER THEMES**

Develop your own prayer points under themes like health, safety, household security, leaders of the world, medical community, etc.

4.

## **USE THE “ACTS” FORMAT**

**Adoration:** Begin by telling Jesus how much you love and adore Him.

**Confession:** Next, tell God what you have done wrong and how sorry you are for hurting Him.

**Thanksgiving:** Think about all the blessing on your life and give thanks to God.

**Supplication:** Ask God to help you and others.

5.

## **FIVE FINGER PRAYER**

**Thumb:** Pray for those closest to you impacted by the virus—your family, neighbor, friend or community.

**Pointer finger:** Pray for those that point your life in the right direction – teachers, mentors, pastors, etc.

**Index (tallest):** Pray for those who are leaders in the government, your local community leaders.

**Ring:** Pray for those that are sick or impacted by the virus, who need our help and are unable to care for themselves.

**Little finger:** Pray for precious children & families hurting because of the virus.

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