

Pastoral Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

We thank You Father, for the gift and sacrifice of your only son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For your promises, for your Word. We praise You Father, and raise our voices to You, with holy fear. Every day and everything that surrounds us, speaks of Your presence, of Your greatness and we are grateful. Grateful for the salvation we have found in You through Jesus. Grateful you have made us part of Your family. Grateful because every action done in Your name speaks to the world louder than a 1000 words. Grateful, we are never alone.

Father, we take to You in prayer, those among us that are struggling, physically, mentally, and spiritually. In this particular time in history, for many of us, our families, friends and acquaintances, these are very hard and difficult times. Give us the comfort and the strength we need to overcome them. It is as if mental health has become the enemy's main way to attack us and the world. We confide in Your sovereignty in/on all things.

Teach us Father not to worry about tomorrow, and to focus our energies in searching first Your kingdom and Your justice.

We pray for the government and for those governing, that they may be taking just decisions. Thank You that, even if arguably, they are focusing on our health rather than on the economies'.

Father, we pray that You may give us the capacity to see and appreciate each other as You see and love us, not for what we do, but for who we are. Bless Your Church.

We praise You, thank You and pray to You, in Jesus name.

AMEN.