

Prayer During Covid-19

In the days ahead, without the direct guidance of our Church's leadership for daily and weekly organized communal prayer we need to be proactive in sustaining the vital relationship with the Lord. Here are some suggested resources that can assist us in that challenging achievement:

1. Please note in the Bishop's directive about funerals, baptisms, etc. These are to be private, family-only celebrations not performed with a congregation.

2. Note from Novalis: Living with Christ

"As Christians, we believe firmly in the power of prayer. At this grave moment, we will provide some free resources to help you in your own prayer life. You can download our free Living with Christ Prayer App, for either iPhone or Android smart phones, to get the daily scripture readings and a wide variety of prayers. And on [Living With Christ](#), you will find many prayer intentions, including prayers from Pope Francis for this crisis."

3. Holy Mass – I will be offering daily Mass for your intentions and for the intentions that have been previously requested and announced.

4. Televised Mass Options of which there are many on the Internet, for example:

a. From our Mass for Shut-ins.

b. The Pope's daily Mass at <https://youtu.be/vDmX5LrZ2KE>

c. Mass from Toronto on television.

5. Religious devotions can be found through 'Google.' Simply input what you want.

For example, St. Francis' Way of the Cross offers videos or print renditions of this prayer.

6. Maintain your own personal and family devotions as Vatican II has called the family, "the domestic Church:" scripture reading, recitation of the rosary, grace at meals, family prayer and discussions, meditative and spiritual reading that the Cure of Ars said 'feeds the soul,' and reading the lives of the saints.

7. Keep up with Church business and teaching through <http://www.vatican.va>