**Prayers for at home praying during March 2020**

(Begin with a moment of quietness.)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,   
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our   
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may   
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;   
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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| Lord, have mercy. |  |  |
| *Christ, have mercy.*  Lord, have mercy. |  |  |

**The Collect for March 22**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Collect for March 29**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Scripture Readings**

**The Post-Scripture Prayers**

God the Father,   
***Have mercy on us.***

God the Son,  
***Have mercy on us.***

God the Holy Spirit,   
***Have mercy on us.***

Holy Trinity, one God,  
***Have mercy on us.***

Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19. As the sorrows of our heart and mind increase, we beseech you to save us from all trouble and fear. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe. For the Lord is our stronghold and sure defense, and he will be our Savior.

For all who have died: receive them into the arms of your mercy, grant them eternal peace, and surround those who mourn with your healing grace.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those directly infected with the virus: help them recover in good health and restore them in body, mind and spirit.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those at high risk of infection, especially the elderly, those with underlying illnesses, the marginalized, and the poor: keep them healthy and free from all sickness.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those in quarantine, the shut-in, and the infirmed: help them find peace, keep them in good health, and renew their mind and spirit.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all hospitals, doctors, nurses, and staff: protect them as they minister to the sick, relieve all stress, and provide the resources and space to meet the needs of all the infirmed.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the incarcerated and those who work in prisons: keep them healthy, assure them in times of anxiety.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of resources: have mercy on them, alleviate any fear, and provide for them daily bread and wage.    
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of this nation and the world: help them make sound and safe decisions to best secure the future of our planet.    
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all schools, students, teachers, administrators and school staff: as schools remain open, keep them healthy and in good spirit to learn; as schools close, feed those who will go hungry without guaranteed meals and shelter all students have no place to live.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all scientists and those working to find a cure: inspire them towards your truth, and help them discover and disseminate a vaccine and cure.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all media and journalists: protect them from all harm in their reporting, and move them to be a vector of truth and certainty, and never fear or panic.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all places of worship: embolden them to be beacons of hope and love, and help us to gather our words, even when separated by our communities of faith, to give you praise.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of our church, especially for our bishop, Sam: help them minister to their flock; fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways.  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all parents: build in them strength and fortitude for the time ahead, and give them the words and witness to be wise counselors and compassionate caregivers.   
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Stir up in us a spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead.   
***Amen.***

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,   
     and the power, and the glory,   
     for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know   
you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend   
us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that   
we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of   
any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our   
being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by   
your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our   
life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are   
ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole   
body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:   
Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before   
you for all members of your holy Church, that in their   
vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you;   
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,   
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks   
for all your goodness and loving-kindness   
to us and to all whom you have made.   
We bless you for our creation, preservation,   
and all the blessings of this life;   
but above all for your immeasurable love   
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;   
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.   
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,   
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,   
not only with our lips, but in our lives,   
by giving up our selves to your service,   
and by walking before you   
in holiness and righteousness all our days;   
through Jesus Christ our Lord,   
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,   
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.   
*Thanks be to God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and   
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.   
*Amen.*    (*2 Corinthians 13:14)*