



St Michael's

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Prayers for March 29, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,
Your breath of compassion brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair with the hope of resurrection and faith in Christ. Keep us in your presence and hold us in your love, that we might know your wisdom, experience your grace, and feel your Spirit surrounding us always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of new life,
Throughout the ages, you have shown us your desire to resurrect all that seems dead and lost. Through Ezekiel you brought dry bones to dance, and alongside Mary and Martha you wept for Lazarus, releasing him from the grave. As we await your resurrection promise, resurrect within us a sure and certain hope that in Christ you can make all things new.

For out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

We cry for those who are overwhelmed by anxiety and stress that these days bring.

We cry for those who are lonely and feeling the weight of isolation and quarantine.

We cry for those who are unable to make ends meet as hours have been cut and employees unable to work.

We pray also for parents and teachers, infants and youth. We pray for college students and their professors.

We pray for those living in senior housing, transitional care facilities, and nursing homes.

We pray for health care workers: for doctors and nurses, for pharmacists and pharmacy techs, for all who manage and oversee hospital systems and clinics.



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You know the prayers that rest on our hearts, O God. You know our fears, our gratitude, and our hopes. Hold them all in your love, and unite as one as we pray:

Our Father 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,
forever and ever. Amen.