



### **March 23, 2020 – Chaplain Venessa’s Prayer**

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *Philippians 4:6 (NIV)***

God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the new coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe on the job.

Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease’s spread.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Psalms 23:4 (NIV)***

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during

supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and the food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus.

**Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3:22-23***

Almighty God, we ask that You keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind people to [wash their hands properly](#). And while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea —*Psalm 46:1-2***

AMEN