



April 13, 2020 - Prayer from Chaplain Venessa

Psalm 62:5-7

***For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.***

***He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.***

***On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.***

We thank you Almighty God that we have the great privilege and responsibility of prayer. We are not helpless in the face of catastrophes but have access to You, Our God through Jesus Christ our Mediator.

During these hard days there are many who are affected indirectly from this virus, families need each other and are separated.

We pray for those in our community who need to know your presence, provide peace dear God, your mercy is needed. Give strength to families, to grand-daughters and grandmothers. Send a spirit of calmness to those who are nearing the end of this life and comfort to loved ones.

So as God's people we must call out to You to intercede as the this virus spreads around the world and as governments and individuals respond.

We Pray for society - (Matthew 22:37-40)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

We pray for those doctors, nurses and other health professionals as they come under pressure and strain – that they would be kept free from illness

That the threat of illness would help many in society recognize their own mortality and their need for hope in the face of death

For scientists to be successful in finding a vaccine and other effective ways to protect people from the virus

That people would be mindful of the effects of their actions on others: following medical advice carefully and being responsible when buying supplies

Pray for protection - (2 Chronicles 7:13-15)

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Merciful God heal the elderly and vulnerable who have contracted the virus

Help all ensure adequate medical and personal care for all who are affected

We pray for the friends and family of those who are ill, that they would be comforted and enabled to care for those who are sick

May we see your mighty hand O’ God, through the slowing down and eradication of the virus.

We remember - (Psalm 91:1-3)

***“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”***