

Loving God,

As the entire world carries the cross of the COVID-19 pandemic, we look to Your Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for us.

Reflecting on Him on the Cross, we ask You to:

*Help* us remember that we are not alone; that You are with us.

Help us remember that You can bring good out of evil, and that You will lead us through the Passion to Resurrection.

Give repose to the souls of those who have died from this disease.

*Help* us tend to those who are at risk, those who have been diagnosed, and those who are recovering.

Guide and protect the doctors, nurses and all health care workers who work diligently to care for the rest of us.

Grant the wisdom of Your Spirit on us and our leaders, so that we may make the best decisions in response to this crisis.

Bring us closer together in mind, heart and spirit, even though we may have to physically distance ourselves from one another.

May we not fall into isolation.

Give us Your strength to be bringers of hope and ambassadors of Your Love.

In the name of Jesus, who died on the Cross and rose from the dead. Amen.

-Father Phil Paxton, C.P.

