



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-7)

Praying is one of the best ways to convey to our families, friends, and neighbors the peace found only God. God is always present, steadfast in his love, and sovereign over all things. By quieting ourselves and focusing on his presence in our lives, we resist the worry of tomorrow. Please join the EastLake Church Network in prayer during this extraordinary moment in our shared lives.

❖ **For the Church and its leaders**

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
Hebrews 13:7 NIV

God, thank you for the pastors, priests, and ministry leaders that you have called to lead and guide the Body of Christ in this time of uncertainty. May they continue to seek your wisdom as they shepherd your Church. May they be of one heart, one mind, one body, and one spirit, in their service to you and your people. Jesus, open our hearts to receive instruction and encouragement from them, for each are called to watch over and pray for our souls. Holy Spirit, remind us daily to lift up in prayer your shepherds. May you lighten the weight they carry while pastoring your people. Amen.

❖ **For families, friends, and neighbors**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:1-2 NIV

God, thank you for giving us the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind, and not of fear. Give us eyes to see the needs around us and the means to meet those needs. May we be instruments of your love and peace for our families, friends, and neighbors. May we be the bearers of your light and hope to the world that you love. Amen.



❖ **For the vulnerable and the sick**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
Romans 15:13 ESV

Jesus, bring an awareness of your presence among the vulnerable and the sick within our communities. May you bring wholeness of mind, body, soul, and spirit to them and their families. May you remove fear and anxiety, and replace it with faith and confidence in your healing power. Holy Spirit, may you surround the elderly, the vulnerable, and already sick with your grace and peace, and with your comfort and healing. Amen.

❖ **For healthcare workers and caregivers**

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of
his glory in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:19-20 NIV

God, thank you for the healthcare workers and caregivers out on the frontlines in this time of global crisis. May you shield them from infection, fatigue, and anxiety. May you give them supernatural strength beyond measure as they care for the sick. May you release an abundance of supplies that are needed to properly care for the sick. May you give them respite when needed, and may you restore their mind, body, soul, and spirit. Amen.

❖ **For government leaders and agencies**

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation.
This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.
1 Timothy 2:1-3 MSG

God, you hold the entire world in the palm of your hands. In you, all things hold together. The government of the world is on your shoulders and you are our counselor. May the leaders that you have appointed over us be of one accord in seeking your wisdom as they plan for containment, mitigation, and care for those already infected with the virus. May this moment pave the way for collaboration for the common good not just for this present crisis, but moving forward. May your grace be upon them as they execute their plans. And may we be responsive and cooperative to the directives they give us, looking not only for our own benefit, but also for the benefit of others. Amen.



❖ **For corporations, non-profit organizations, and small business owners**

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

Jesus, in the aftermath of mandatory closures and stoppages of businesses, there are many who are facing layoffs and limited resources for basic needs. May you supernaturally provide for their needs through the generosity of your church. May you open up avenues for these businesses and their employees to flourish even now, and especially on the other side of this crisis. May our eyes be open to the needs around us, and may we tangibly meet those needs. Amen.

❖ **For our first responders – Firefighters, Police, Emergency Medical Personnel**

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities,
for there is no authority except that which God has established.
The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1

Jesus, as state officials enter into some difficult decisions to mitigate and contain the spread of the virus, we pray that the citizenry would support and adhere to official mandates being issued. We lift up our first responders who will be on watch to enforce these mandates. May they do so in the spirit of grace, patience, and compassion. May you protect them as they serve their communities. Amen.