

## Week 5 | April 12 to April 18

May my prayer be set before you like incense;  
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.  
Psalm 141:2 NIV

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. Let us pray.

### ❖ Easter Sunday | For Resurrection Life

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world.  
John 16:33 NIV

*God of all grace and peace. Thank you that during this season of unexpected events, one thing still remains true – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Time and again, you have brought us out of darkness and into your wonderful light. This season is no different. By the Holy Spirit that dwells in us, we receive your peace in these troubling times. Amen.*

### ❖ Monday | For Those Alone

Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene,  
Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.  
In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs.  
Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.  
Mark 15:40-41 NIV

*Jesus, in this global pandemic when we are asked to isolate ourselves from one another, may we be like the ministering women who watched your suffering from afar and grieved. Even from a distance, may we find ways to be a comfort to those who are living alone in nursing homes, prisons, homeless shelters, and other dwelling places. Make your presence known especially to those who are vulnerable to depression, anxiety, and fear. Amen.*

❖ **Tuesday | For Those Who Grieve**

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

John 11:32-36 NIV

*Jesus, we lift up those who are experiencing great losses during this time – the death of a loved-one, breakdown of relationships, a job loss, postponed weddings, graduations and other celebrations. Remind us that you are with us in our suffering and in our grief; and that times of rejoicing will come again. In the highs and lows of this season, may we mourn with those who mourn, and rejoice with those who rejoice. Amen.*

❖ **Wednesday | For Those at the Frontlines**

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings.

His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

Psalms 91:1-4 NLT

*God, thank you for the people you have called to the frontlines to do battle with this pandemic disease. Cover them under the shadow of your wings. Be their refuge and their place of safety. Be their strength when they are weary. Keep their families also in your care. And bear them up by the power of your Spirit. Amen.*

❖ **Thursday | For Provision**

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches,  
which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 4:19

*Jesus, so many people have lost their jobs without a safety net. But we know God, that you are the Way Maker and Miracle Worker. You will make a way to miraculously pour out provision to those who need it most. Out of your glorious riches given to us in Christ Jesus, you will supply all that we need. May we hold on to your promise, God. Amen.*

❖ **Friday | For an End to the Pandemic**

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.

On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers.

Then many will give thanks on our behalf

for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

2 Corinthians 1:10-11 NIV

*God, so many lives have been lost to this virus. We are in distress, uncertain of when this will end. Yes, LORD, you are with us through it all, but would you make this pandemic cease? Deliver us all from this deadly peril, as you have done in times past. Supernaturally provide the doctors and researchers developing vaccines and cures all that they need to accomplish that soon. We are putting all our hope on you, God. Make it so, LORD.*

❖ **Saturday | For Inner Peace**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Psalm 23:4a NIV

*Jesus, we need your peace to soothe our hearts and spirits right now. When we are pressed by an overwhelming sense of unease, may you remind us of your constant love, grace, and presence. Bring peace to our hearts, O LORD. Amen.*