

An Emergency Liturgy of the Word at Home **by Yourself or with Family/Friends**

Keep a copy of this Liturgy for future use. If you have watched the Mass on- line use only the parts of this Liturgy that are relevant)

First things first: Choose among you a leader who will facilitate and lead this Emergency Stay At Home Liturgy.

1. To start the service and open in prayer the Leader may select and read a psalm, part of a psalm, or short passage of Scripture appropriate for the occasion.
2. Begin with the Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
3. Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings. A time for reflection may be in order whereby we compare our behavior to the mandates of the Ten Commandments. Finish this time of penitential reflection with the following *Act of Contrition*:

O My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. Loving Father in Heaven in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God have mercy on me a sinner.

4. The Leader or other participant may now read the assigned Scripture verses listed on the first page of the homily.
5. Read the Homily (A discussion might follow the Liturgy)
5. Intercessions:
The leader can begin with these words: Father in Heaven, You sent Your Only Begotten Son into the world so that we might have life, and life to it's fullest. Trusting in the leading of the Holy Spirit, we pray: R Lord, hear our prayer!

For the Church, especially those who are serving, those who are

returning to their faith, and those who feel lost and lacking faith in Christ Jesus that we remain faithful to love God and love and serve our neighbor. Let us pray to the Lord. R Lord, hear our prayer!

For all those who hold public office: that they may be given wisdom, prudence, and courage in this difficult time. Let us pray to the Lord. R Lord, hear our prayer!

For all healthcare providers, that the Lord will protect them and reward their generosity. Let us pray to the Lord. R Lord, hear our prayer!

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unemployed, and those who are most at risk from the Covid-19 virus that God may shower his love and mercy upon them. Let us pray to the Lord. R Lord, hear our prayer!

For all who are close to death and for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed: that they will see the glory of God. Let us pray to the Lord. R Lord, hear our prayer!

For ourselves and our families that the Lord will increase our faith and hope in Him and His eternal goodness. Let us pray to the Lord. R Lord, hear our prayer!

Please share your personal intentions, prayers and praise reports.

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, *Our Father who are in heaven hallowed be thy name*

7. An Act of Spiritual Communion: (from *Magnificat Publication*)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

8. Dismissal: May the Lord keep us and our loved ones from all evil seen or unseen, and lead us to everlasting life. And may all of our absent brothers and sisters rest in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.