

## Litany in a Time of Covid-19

O God, source of life, wellspring of health and wholeness, whose love and grace rain down on all creatures: we cry out to you. Holy God, hear our voices as we struggle with the coronavirus pandemic. Listen to your people with compassion, as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus.

O God the Creator, Maker of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

For government leaders, and all in positions of influence who can reduce the suffering in our communities, our nation, and the world.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For doctors, nurses, paramedics, medical technicians, community health workers, social workers, therapists, pharmacists, and all who provide medical care.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For the research and science communities who may hasten the development of vaccines and relief to our miseries.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all essential workers who work to sustain us, keep us connected, and maintain our basic necessities.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For hospital, nursing, hospice, palliative, care centre and home care staff, and housekeepers who have close contact with the vulnerable;

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For educators and teachers, students, and parents of students, especially as teachers and some learners return to school; for those who continue remote learning and for those who have no resources for remote learning; for schools without protective equipment, without water or adequate toilets, for our youth as they struggle to understand these uncertain times.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For transportation crews, truck drivers, taxi drivers, petrol station attendants, all who must travel or transport people and food and essential goods.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those who work in grocery shops, supermarkets, spaza shops, discount warehouses, and all who provide us our food and daily necessities and help us maintain social distance.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those returning to work as restaurant workers, cooks, chefs, dishwashers, for caterers, farmers and food growers, and manufacturers as they bring us our basic needs as well as offering us the joys of comforting food.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For florists, artists, musicians, actors, singers, writers, poets, especially those unable to work; and all who fill our lives with beauty and art so that we can be reminded of the wonder of your creation.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those who provide us with news, communications, internet, lighting, and electricity so that we may stay informed and find safety during dark times.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all who are unemployed or underemployed, unable to feed their families, in fear for their lives, and live with economic hardship or disaster because of this pandemic.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those without food or shelter or homes, struggling to maintain their health and their hope;

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those who are poor, vulnerable, for migrants, those who are isolated, seniors, all the victims of racism especially those targeted by anger and fear of this disease, and all who need protection;

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all who are affected by gender based violence, for those who live with emotional and physical abuse, for those who are bullied and those who try to help them.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For clergy, church staff, local and national faith leaders, and all who remind us that we are made in Your image, especially as they decide whether or not to re open churches in level 3 lockdown.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those who are alone, lonely, isolated, and far from families and friends.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those who are sick, and those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, and for those who cannot get adequate care due to unavailability of medical resources.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For those incarcerated in body and in spirit.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all who are struggling with COVID-19.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all of us who are caring for those with COVID-19

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all of us in South Africa as we move from level 4 to level 3 of lockdown;

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain us.**

For all who cannot be physically present with their loved ones to share final touches, words, and memories, and for those who cannot grieve together during these last times.

**Merciful God, we ask You to protect and sustain them.**

For all who have died of COVID-19 and their grieving families;

**Merciful God, we ask You to grant the faithfully departed eternal life and peace. Sustain and comfort those who grieve, breathe your Spirit of loving compassion and tender care on them today and always.**

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you to mercifully hear us who have now made our prayers to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will may be granted to the relief of our great need, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**