

### ***A Prayer for Times of Public Health Concerns***

*Since the moments of our life unfold, O God,  
according to your good pleasure,  
receive the prayers and sacrificial offerings  
by which we implore your mercy  
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,  
that, having been anxious for them in their danger,  
we may rejoice at their recovery of health.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*For Scientists, health professionals, public officials  
and all who are serving the common good  
in this difficult and uncertain time,  
may they be filled with wisdom and understanding.  
Lord, hear our prayer.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this difficult time, please be sensible and charitable in every health precaution. Know that what our civil and church leaders ask of us is for the common good. Quite possibly, our sacrifices of disrupted routines and altered habits just might allow someone else to live. We extend Christ's saving sacrifice into a world in need of healing.

The above prayers are offered for your consideration and use. The first one is taken from the Roman Missal, the prayer book used at the Altar. The second takes the form of our petitions at Mass. Even as we discern and make our responses to exercise "social distancing," it is good to still be prayerfully and spiritually connected to the things at Sunday Mass, when, in normal times, we would think nothing of coming together for worship. It is my hope that your praying of these prayers might keep you so connected...until such time as we can all be together again.

Additionally, the below image of Our Lady of Lourdes is taken from one of our stained glass windows in our Parish Church. If not the above prayers, perhaps the visual helps keep you connected. Of course, Lourdes is that great pilgrimage destination where the faithful turn to our Blessed Mother to ask for healing and health. May you know her loving presence and concern.

May God bless you all,  
Fr. Grogan

