

BELLS THAT CALL US TO PRAYER

As the People of God, in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we unite in prayer in this time of uncertainty. God remains with us in this time and always. While we cannot gather in person to pray together, our faith reminds us that our prayer unites us no matter where we are. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago are asked to make the effort to pray at each of these hours for the intentions of all affected in this global pandemic.

9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill

Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers

Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders

Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today

Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

In this Lenten season, we are reminded in a special way of our need to die to ourselves that we might rise in Christ. As the patterns of our lives are changed at this time, we are reminded that God can do what we cannot. In faith, we are encouraged to bring to God our needs and to pray for the needs of all of God's people, now and always.

During the other hours you may include your own personal prayers for the safety and well-being of all.

Our bells will ring hourly between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.