

COVID-19 Prayer

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic here are some ways you can pray for all those affected.

General

- That the disease would end
- That the measures that have been put into place would be successful
- That the disease would stop spreading - that it wouldn't reach rural Africa and Asia & Latin America

Information

- That accurate, truthful, helpful information would get to those who need it.
- That even the poorest would know how to protect themselves.
- That in Africa, people would not have a dismissive attitude about the virus, but take appropriate precautions.

Health care systems

- Wise preparations – especially for countries who have weak health systems, that the right preparations would be made. For WHO, which is working hard to strengthen healthcare throughout Africa.
- For exhausted or fearful doctors and nurses who are waiting for the potential avalanche.
- That healthcare systems wouldn't be swamped, but the rate of new cases and hospitalisation would be slowed.
- That a vaccine or a cure would be found.

Governments

- Wise decision making – that leaders wouldn't overreact or underreact and that they would govern fairly.
- That systems to bring food to the poorest (e.g. in India) would reach all those who need it.

Finances/ Economies

- For those who have lost jobs or those who earn income daily and now have no income.
- For small business owners and micro-businesses (e.g. people with stands or stalls on roadsides or markets).

Spiritual growth

- That people would look to God.
- That believers would reflect peace and courage in the midst of this troubling time. That they would experience God's presence according to the Bible's promises.

Churches

- That they would know how to continue to encourage their people when they cannot meet together.
- That they would know how to serve the most vulnerable—those who are old, poor, sick, or may not have basic necessities.
- That those without access to technology would know how to continue to strengthen one another.

Families

- For those separated from family due to travel bans—that governments would make ways for people to get home.
- That families would draw closer together not apart (the divorce rate spiked in China)
- With many more people remaining in their homes, domestic violence is expected to skyrocket in some places. (Reports indicate that it tripled in China) Pray for a spirit of peace and calm to cover our homes. Pray for safety and protection for abuse victims. Pray for God to bind the hands of abusers.

Fear

- Pray that fear would not drive sweeping decisions. Pray that news media would report events without inciting more fear.
- Pray that God would replace fear with empowerment, love, and sound thinking.
- Pray for hope to replace fear, depression, and loneliness in our hearts and minds. Pray especially for those whose mental health or lack of support systems leave them most vulnerable to depression.