How to pray for our world during this crisis

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14 (NIV)

These prayer points have been collected from Tearfund staff, partners and allies who are affected and are working to respond to the global Covid-19 emergency.

For people infected with Covid-19. May they have access to timely and effective medical care to enable them to resist the effects of the virus and recover.

For families of patients diagnosed with Covid-19. May God protect them from being infected and give them the strength they need to provide loving care, and cope with the difficult circumstances.

For Tearfund partners, who are also affected by the Covid-19 crisis but are still working to help the most vulnerable people. May God give them strength, wisdom and the resources they need to keep bringing hope.

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For governments and decision makers. May God give them wisdom and integrity to make the right decisions and take the right measures to help the most vulnerable in their countries.

For people in countries where the national governance is fragile, society is fragmented and health systems are unable to provide timely and effective responses. May God’s Spirit give different sectors of society the opportunity to unite their efforts and provide joint responses in favour of those most in need.

For people in poor and under-served communities who are severely affected by forced lockdowns, as many of them now also face going hungry, as well as the threat of the virus. May God awaken a profound sense of solidarity and compassion in those who have more, so that they can share their goods – even their few goods – with those who have less.

For women who are confined with their aggressors: that aggressors would stop perpetrating abuse and choose to repent and seek help.

For children and vulnerable adults, who are exposed to growing levels of anxiety and stress. May God give them tools to build resilience to cope with these difficult times.

For local churches all over the world – their leaders and congregations. May the global church understand what is going on and discern God’s voice in the midst of uncertainty and pain. May God allow the church to rethink its theology and practice, and be a true witness to Christ.
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For theological leaders. May they give theological and spiritual guidance on how to respond to the pandemic.

For people on the frontline: health workers, security officers, farmers, food providers, etc. May God give them strength, love, hope and protection so that they continue providing their irreplaceable and invaluable work that sustains our communities.

For non-government organisations and charities who are trying to respond to this pandemic and its effects. May God continue providing them with resources to help the most vulnerable, and wisdom to use these resources effectively.

For our generous donors who, through their compassionate, loving and faithful contribution, allow our partners all over the world to help the most in need. May God continue to provide for their needs and may they keep the flame of solidarity alive.

For all of humanity. May God grant us the opportunity to have our hearts, ears, eyes and spirits open so that we can discern what God is telling us and be humble enough to make the changes we need to make. For the regeneration of all creation, including humankind.

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Prayer

God of love and light,

In this time of fear, give us your peace.

In this time of isolation, give us your presence.

In this time of sickness, give us your healing.

In this time of uncertainty, give us your wisdom.

In this time of darkness, shine your light upon us all.

In Jesus’ name, amen.