

Prayers during the COVID-19 pandemic,

from St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, San Matteo, CA

Leader: As the world works to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, we offer our prayers for all who suffer or face any kind of troubles. In response to each prayer, please say: "Lord, hear our prayer."

God of love, creator and healer, look after all those affected by the coronavirus. Bring strength, healing and peace, we pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the sick, our elders, and those especially at risk of severe illness. May they receive the care they need and know they are loved and valued, we pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For safety and protection for healthcare workers risking their own well-being for the sake of others, we pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For government officials and leaders. May they make wise decisions to keep those they lead safe, we pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all people quarantined and working or learning at home. May they experience joy, tranquility, health and productivity, we pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Help us respond to our circumstances with caution instead of fear, especially if we are anxious and worried. Comfort us with your peace that passes understanding, we pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**