

Noon Prayers Monday 6 through Monday 13 April 2020

Monday 6 April Noon Prayer

Loving God,

We give you thanks for the work of all of our essential workers. For those who handle and deliver the mail, for those who work in warehouses and those who fly planes, drive trucks and other delivery vehicles to get packages to our homes and medical institutions. Keep them safe and healthy and bring comfort to their families. We think also about garbage collectors, utility workers and those whose every day vocations are so easily overlooked but vital to our wellbeing. Bless them and keep them in your loving care. We pray for those who are ill, those who will become ill, and those who will die this day. Shower them with your healing touch, your love and your comfort. In Jesus' name we pray.

Tuesday 7 April Noon Prayer

Healing God,

We give you thanks for all those working to end the suffering caused by this pandemic. We ask your blessing upon medical professionals and all those who support them, scientists and researchers, companies that are working tirelessly to provide much needed supplies, first responders and those who come to our aid. Give them your courage, your support, your strength and your stamina as they work each day. We pray for those you are ill, those who will become ill, and those who will die this day. Shower them with your healing touch, your love and your comfort. In Jesus' name we pray.

Wednesday 8 April Noon Prayer

Let us join in solidarity with those around the world by praying the Lord's Prayer at noon this day.

Thursday 9 April Noon Prayer

Gracious God,

We ask you to bless funeral directors and others who assist with the death and dying process. Give them your peace and strength and keep them healthy. We pray for families and loved ones of those who have died who are not able to gather at this time for funeral services and burials. Give them your comfort and strength during this time of grieving. Give us the ability to be supportive to them and provide us with ways that we can safely walk with them at this time. Bless us as we wake each day in the midst of the pandemic that we might know and feel your constant love and support. In Jesus' name we pray.

Friday 10 April Noon Prayer

Taken from The Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Saturday 11 April Noon Prayer

Taken from Sundays and Seasons alternative prayer of the day for the Easter Vigil.

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sunday 12 April Noon Prayer

These are taken from Sundays and Seasons and may be used in worship today.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders (*especially*). Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, ushers, greeters, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died (*especially*). Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Monday 13 April Noon Prayer

Gracious and Loving God,

Be with us as we strive to live out our calling as your beloved children in the midst of the pandemic. Give us your strength to continue to serve those in need while maintaining social distance and safe practices. Help us to do our part to reduce the spread of the virus and give us your hope and assurance that this too shall pass. Shower us with your love, your comfort and your peace. In Jesus' name we pray.