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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYERS FOR AFTER THE ROSARY



### First Prayer:

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our  
journey as a sign  
of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick, who, at the  
foot of the cross, were united  
with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman  
people”, you know our needs,  
and we know that you will  
provide, so that, as at Cana in  
Galilee, joy and celebration may  
return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves  
to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our  
suffering, and burdened  
himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

### Second Prayer:

“We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic  
situation, when the whole world  
is prey to suffering and anxiety,  
we fly to you, Mother of God  
and our Mother, and seek  
refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your  
merciful eyes towards us amid  
this coronavirus pandemic.  
Comfort those who are  
distracted and mourn their  
loved ones who have died, and  
at times are buried in a way that  
grieves them deeply. Be close to  
those who are concerned for  
their loved ones who are sick

and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

— *LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020*