

PRAYER CAMPAIGN TO CONQUER THE VIRUS

In our Catholic history and tradition Our Blessed Lady has many titles. One is "Health of the Sick." We would like to ask you to consider doing something in our desperate situation today. We would suggest that you pray the Rosary every day, preferably with the whole family. At St. Ethelbert's we priests pray the Rosary together every morning, Monday through Saturday at 9.10am. It takes not much longer than 20 minutes. Out of 24 hours of the day can we begrudge God 20 minutes?

One suggestion is to do it after supper on one's knees (if those hinges still work!). The Rosary has 5 decades, each child could lead one with parents taking turns. One possibility would be to offer the 1st decade for those who are sick; the 2nd decade for doctors and nurses; the 3rd decade for scientific research to control and halt the virus; the 4th decade for world leaders and pharmaceutical agencies not to be motivated by profit, control or ideology. Finally, the last decade could be offered for family and local intentions.

Our Blessed Lord tells us that if we want to enter into salvation we have to become like a little child. Furthermore, the prayer of children has always been deemed powerful. Let us therefore not allow discouragement and anxiety to dominate us but instead to trust in God and Our blessed Lady that Grace will deliver us if we but pray!

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