

Parish Prayer for Healing

(composed by the staff during the Covid-19 pandemic)

Loving God, we come to You as disciples and members of St. Paul Catholic Church. We praise You and thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed on our community.

Lord, we turn to You for wisdom and guidance in these days that are so full of fear, distrust, worry, stress, and immense challenge. Help us find our way through this darkness. You are our only hope. You are our Messiah, our Savior.

We ask You to give us light to see more clearly the small steps that each one of us can take to be instruments of Your peace, hope, acceptance, and unconditional love.

Help us to make decisions that are born in You, and not in our own perceived ideas of rightness and wrongness.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with gladness, and give us a rich, deep share of Your peace and love, so that we may extend that peace and love in kind to one another. May we each do our share and be united in these efforts to build up Your Kingdom, bridge divisions, heal wounds, and strengthen relationships.

Here is my promise, Lord:

I commit to look for the face of God in every face I see.

I commit to respect and act with empathy and compassion toward all, especially those who are struggling, and those whose beliefs, values and lifestyles are different from mine.

I will do my part to stop the spread of the virus, prejudice, racism, poverty, and negativity.

I can only do this through You, with You, and in You, Almighty God, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

