

UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart. ¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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INTENTIONS

We pray for those weary and fatigued by the COVID-19 restrictions.

We pray for those worried and struggling because of financial pressures.

We pray for those suffering loneliness, bereavement or isolation.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of all comfort and Father of compassion; we place ourselves before you during these continued times of trial and uncertainty.

We ask that you comfort us in all our troubles so that we may comfort others who are troubled too. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who brought light and hope into the world. Amen.

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:6-7)

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.



WE REFLECT

Marcellin's relationship with God, combined with knowledge of his limitations, explains his unbounded confidence in God. The depth of this trust amazed those who worked with him, and scandalised some who judged his actions as reckless. In his humble way, Marcellin saw God at work, and so acted with courage and commitment. *Let us not offend God, asking him very little. The bigger is our demand, the more we will be pleasing to God.* Marcellin's oft-expressed invocations *If the Lord does not build the house* and *You know my God* were the spontaneous expressions of this confident trust.

- *Water from the Rock #17*

WE RESPOND

You are the Beloved²
Henri Nouwen

I know that true joy comes from letting God love me the way God wants, whether it is through illness or health, failure or success, poverty or wealth, rejection or praise. It is hard for me to say, "I shall gratefully accept everything, Lord, that pleases you. Let your will be done." But I know that when I truly believe my Father is pure love, it will become increasingly possible to say these words from the heart.

Pause for a moment and open your heart to God praying for what you need today.

CLOSING PRAYER

We Pray
By Blessed Charles de Foucauld OCSO (adapted)

God, I abandon myself into your hands,
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you;
I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself
into your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence; for you are my God.
Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

*Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another*



¹ Jennifer Wagner, 2020

² From Daily Meditations, The Henri Nouwen Society, www.henrinouwen.org, 3/8/2020