

Trinity Lutheran Church of Vermilion, OH
Mid-week at Home Lenten Prayers

Gather and pray with the community on Wednesdays at 7p.m. or whenever your schedule allows.

During these days of practicing “social distancing” to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, public gatherings for worship at Trinity have been suspended. But our prayers have not ceased, and so we invite you to use this liturgy each of the remaining Wednesdays in Lent to follow our 2020 Lenten discipline centered on the *Prayer Attributed to St. Francis*. Additional worship resources, including a reflection on the day’s theme, will be posted on our congregation’s YouTube channel:

[Trinity Lutheran Church Vermilion Ohio.](#)

Gather together with those in your home.

Make the sign of the Cross ✠ and say

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray together the following prayer:

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us in this day by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that always we are walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On our YouTube Channel ([Trinity Lutheran Church Vermilion Ohio](#)) play the video of our Lenten Theme Song, *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*, and sing along.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

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- 1 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there’s sadness, ever joy.
- 3 O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 4 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

On our [YouTube Channel](#) search for the scripture reading and meditation for March 18, March 25 or April 1. After listening to these, continue with the following prayers, or those of your own.

Let Us Pray

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ The Church, including our bishops Elizabeth and Abraham, our pastor and staff, all lay leaders in the church and those engaged in ministry on our behalf for the sake of the Gospel;
- ✠ The world, the problems and challenges people face, leaders in all levels of government, that they might make it possible for us to live and labor in peace;
- ✠ For the people of Trinity who have particular needs of which we are aware, and for those family and friends who are in need of God's grace and mercy;
- ✠ For other concerns that are on your heart.

A closing prayer from [American Magazine](#), a Jesuit publication, in this time of a pandemic:

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

The Prayer According to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Finally Pray The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.