

Thanksgiving and Prayers For Such A Time As This

Pray:

With belief — *the prerequisite for calling on God (Romans 10:14)*

With humility — *in weakness, confessing our need of God and sins that separates us (Isaiah 59:1-2)*

With desperation — *earnest prayer is powerful in its effects (James 5:16)*

With expectation — *that God will hear and rescue (Micah 7:7; Zechariah 10:6)*

With confidence — *that God will hear and respond positively (1 John 5:14)*

With awareness — *that we are not alone, but part of “all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18)*

With gratitude — *alert and thankful for the goodness of the Lord (Colossians 4:2)*

With peace — *not anxious for anything, but trusting God in all things (Philippians 4:6-7)*

1. Prayer of personal repentance:

Dear God, I humbly come before You in total appreciation for all that You have done for me. Jesus, thank You for dying on that cross so that I can be reconciled back to the Father and be set free from bondage and sin. Thank You for enduring so much suffering on my behalf. I pray that I may have the same kind of strength to endure life for Your sake. You died and rose again so I can live for You. I repent, Oh Lord my God, of all iniquities. I have been led astray, but now I renounce iniquity. Wash me in your cleansing blood, purify my soul. Strip me of anything displeasing to You, that’s against Your Holiness.

Lord, have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that

sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. (Psalm 51:1-17)

2. Prayer of repentance on behalf of the church

Lord, this is because we have departed from your commandments and turned to our own ways. We have become followers of our own desires and the values of this world. We have failed to be a positive influence on society. We are apathetic towards our communities, indifferent towards injustice and unrighteousness. Our behavior is no different from unbelievers. We fear men but have no fear of God. We compromise with evil things. Lord, on behalf of the church, I fall on my face before you. May you forgive us. Give us broken and contrite hearts and tears of repentance. May we come before you as one, repenting, asking that the blood of the Lord Jesus will cleanse us from all sins and unrighteousness. Restore our first love so that we can honor the Lord above everything else (Rev. 2:4). In critical times such as this, raise us up again through the power of your Holy Spirit to break every chain and yoke, to destroy the walls of sin. Lord, You have said this in your Word that if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14). Lord, we you're your people return to you, please forgive our wrong doing that we have done knowingly and unknowingly. Please make us new again and help us to live and behave like new creation to put off the works of the flesh and put on the works of the Spirit. Lord help us to trust you more than our fear and worries. We know we cannot help ourselves; therefore, we turn to you in repentance and obedience. Forgive our sins and heal our land. Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more (Romans 5:20). Please don't judge us but give us your grace, we will not be able to endure your righteous judgment O Lord. Have mercy on us Oh righteous King. Let your name alone be glorified in our lives, let your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

3. Heavenly Father, we acknowledge our dependence upon you. This virus has reminded us of our frailty. We have subdued much of the earth with our innovation and creative acts, but we are reminded in this moment how frail and powerless we really are. So we repent of our self-sufficiency and hubris. Lord, we lament the fallen nature of our world, which mars the beauty of your created order. COVID-19 comes to steal and destroy, to worm its way through human bodies and spread its vile sickness across communities and nations and the world. We, like your Son, weep and rage at sickness and death. And yet we know that it was Jesus whose death and resurrection defeated this final foe. We long for the day you resurrect our bodies and restore the world. As we endure this new normal in our

lives, we pray earnestly for the heroic medical doctors, nurses, and health care professionals who are putting their lives on the line for their neighbors. May you give them strength and physical immunity during this time, so they can help push back against this ravaging virus. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen





4. Dear God our loving heavenly Father, We pray for the scientists, disease experts, and epidemiologists who are working feverishly on vaccines and testing mechanisms. Lord, we thank you for gifting them with knowledge and wisdom we don't have. We pray for their endurance, for breakthroughs, and for resources. Lord, you are the Great Physician, so we pray for healing for the victims of COVID-19. Lord, you are the Creator, with power over the creation, so we pray for COVID-19 to be destroyed. Spirit of God, you are the Comforter, so please comfort our troubled souls. As the psalmist says, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you. I God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall no be afraid. What can flesh do to me (Psalm 56:3,4). So, Lord, help us to trust you no matter what happens. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
5. Dear God, move in the hearts of our public officials. As you have instructed us in your Word, we earnestly beseech you on behalf of our Prime Minister, President, governors, mayors, and local officials. We pray you guide them with wisdom and strength and discernment. We also pray for the people in our nation and the nations of the world to be humbled and turn to you in repentance and faith. We know you are the Prince of peace, Lord of lords, the King of kings. We praise you for your goodness and your mercy. You are our creator God, who are we to question you, why these things are happening around the globe rather break our stubbornness; give us new heart and new spirit. We ask this all in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.
6. Lord, I worship You and praise You as the all-knowing and all-wise God of the universe. All things are known by You. You know all of my days, and You know the way I should go. Thank You, Lord, that You give wisdom to those who ask for it. And I ask for wisdom today. I know that having mere knowledge apart from You will never be enough to satisfy the longing in my heart. I can never know enough. What I need to know, only You can teach me. Lord, I know it is Your will for me to give thanks in all things, so I thank You this day for everything You have done in my life (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Work in me what is pleasing in Your sight (Hebrews 13:21). Thank You for giving me knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9). Thank You for guiding me and leading me. Thank You for giving me understanding from Your Word and directing my steps so I can stay on the path You have for me. Thank You for revealing to me the way in which I should go regarding every decision I make. I

praise You for Your wisdom and knowledge and revelation. Thank You for helping me to stand perfect and complete in the centre of Your will (Colossians 4:12). Give me the endurance I need, so that after I have done Your will, I will receive the promise (Heb 10:36). In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

7. Sovereign Lord, Use Me to Touch the Lives of Others. Lord, help me to serve You the way You want me to. Reveal to me any area of my life where I should be giving to someone right now. Open my eyes to see the need. Give me a generous heart to give to the poor. Help me to be a good steward of the blessings You have given me by sharing what I have with others. Show me whom You want me to extend my hand to at this time. Fill me with Your love for all people and help me to communicate it in a way that can be clearly perceived. Use me to touch the lives of others with Your hope that is in me. Lord, please help me to give to You the way I should. I don't want to rob You of anything that is due You. Lord, I know that where my treasure is, there my heart will be also (Matthew 6:21). May my greatest treasure always be in serving You. Lord, show me what You want me to do today to be a blessing to others around me. Specifically, show me how I can serve my family, my friends, my church, and the people whom You put in my life. I don't want to get so wrapped up in my own life that I don't see the opportunity for ministering Your life to others. Show me what You want me to do and enable me to do it. Give me all I need to minister life, hope, help, and healing to others. Make me to be one of Your faithful intercessors and teach me how to pray in power. Help me to make a big difference in the world because You are working through me to touch the lives of others for Your glory.

8. Dear God our creator, All authority is Yours, and You have given authority to leaders to protect and guide us. Today, we ask that You would give all our leaders wisdom, discernment, strength, and resolve. Keep them healthy, safe, and rested so that they can continue to guide us through this troubling time. Give our government leaders wisdom about what needs to be done to stop the virus and stabilize our economy (1 Timothy 2:1-3), Give our spiritual leaders Your discernment on how to meet people's needs as they continue to glorify Your name and encourage the Church. Lord, we pray for our pastors that you have appointed for us to shepherd us. We pray for..

BBCF English Church

-  *Pastor Isaac, Mam Gloria & children (Gloria Jr. Myriam, Sarah & Isaac Jr.)*
-  *Pastor Abuan & Sister Sengmei*
-  *Pastor Andrew, Sister Rachna & children (Ivan & Isaac)*
-  *Pastor Athot, Sister Venus & Rinmi*

✚ *Pastor Honey, Sister Rashmeet & children (Jonathan & Akish)*

BBCF Hindi Church

✚ *Pastor Stephen, Sister Suman and children (Arpan & Christina (grandchild: Chris), Timothy & Sapna & Shalom)*

✚ *Pastor Vinod, Sister Sapna & children (Joshua, Joel & Sharon)*

✚ *Pastor Maical, Sister Savita and children (Jasmine & Janet)*

BBCF Nepali Church

✚ *Pastor Namgyal, Sister Sede & Dolma*

BBCF Sonia Vihar

✚ *Pastor Ankur, Sister Bhavna & Advik*

Dehradun

✚ *Pastor Sunil, Sister Guddi & Children (Grace & Thomas)*

Lucknow

✚ *Pastor Basant & Sister Gunjan*

Chandauli

✚ *Pastor Mangal, Sister Nirmala & children (Aashish, Anjali & Ankita)*

Ranchi

✚ *Pastor Mahendra, Sister Prerna & Samuel*

Jaipur

✚ *Pastor Samuel & Sister Arnima*

Chandigarh

✚ *Pastor Suresh, Sister Priyanka & Sejal*

Bhopal

✚ *Pastor Punam, Sister Dil & children (Harash & Debung)*

Lord, please cause our pastors and leaders to be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in Your work. Help them to know that their toil is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58). In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

9. Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to protect us from the spread of the Corona virus. You are powerful and merciful; like David, we pray, *“Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.”* (Psalm 57:1) Jehovah Shalom, Lord of Peace, we remember those living in coronavirus hotspots and those currently in isolation. May they know your presence in their isolation, your peace in their turmoil and your patience in their waiting. Prince of Peace, you are powerful and merciful; let this be their prayer. *“May your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. Help us, God our Saviour, for the glory of your name.”* (Psalm 79:8). Lord, reach out to them in your

grace and mercy. God of all Comfort and Counsel, we pray for those who are grieving, reeling from the sudden loss of their loved ones. May they find your fellowship in their suffering, your comfort in their loss, and your hope in their despair. We name before you those known to us who are vulnerable and scared - the frail, the sick and the elderly. God of all Comfort, you are powerful and merciful - *“He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.”* (2 Corinthians 1:10). In the most precious name of our Lord Jesus we pray. Amen

10. Almighty God, we give you thanks that there is a realization that we need to be compassionate towards our communities. There have been many financial packages that have been announced by the state governments. Lord we give you thanks that there is a consideration of the plight of the thousands who are on the road, having lost their livelihood in the cities. State Governments have made major decisions to provide food for the hungry. Almighty God, we are grateful that despite the poor health facilities, our health professionals have given their best to treat and save many lives. We continue to pray for their well being as they are on the frontline to help the communities. We pray with concern for the situation that seems to have gone out of control in all related areas. The sudden shallow announcement of lockdown has caused a lot of confusion about access to food, payments and livelihood. Yes, it is an important step but did not provide adequate information of major concerns for the people. Lord, we pray for the thousands who have started the hazardous journey to travel hundreds of kilometers to go home by foot. Lord, we continue to pray for hungry, unemployed and temporarily homeless, may the Lord of all mercy and grace be merciful to them and meet with their daily needs. In Jesus name we pray and ask. Amen.

11. Jehovah Rapha, God who heals, we pray for all medical professionals dealing daily with the intense pressures of this crisis. Grant them resilience in weariness, discernment in diagnosis, and compassion upon compassion as they care. We thank you for the army of researchers working steadily and quietly towards a cure - give them clarity, serendipity and unexpected breakthrough today. Would you rise above this present darkness as the Sun of Righteousness with healing in your rays. Lord, your Word says, in *Psalm 91: “Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.”* (Psalm. 91:3-7. “Answer me when I call to you, my

righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.” (Psalm 4:1). Our gracious God, Your Word says that You answer people when they call on Your name, and that You deliver them. Right now, we ask that You would heal those who are sick or who are carrying the COVID-19 virus without knowing it. Heal them and protect those around them. Provide a cure for the Coronavirus and heal our economy. Bring a quick and miraculous end to the darkness in our world. Whether Your healing comes today, next week, or next month, we believe that You *will* heal our world. And we will continue to praise You, even as we wait for answers. Please deliver us. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

12.Gracious Heavenly Father, we lift up our holy hands towards Your Heavenly Throne and seek Your Holy Face. O, merciful God, have mercy on us, though worthless servants we are but for the sake of Your Son, Who suffered beyond every limit of human sufferings and obeyed You to the point of death. He poured out His precious Blood to purchase us, cleanse and present us to You as a Holy people called by His Holy Name. LORD, we pray, heal us that we may be healed and bring Your healing to nations, bless us that we may be blessed and bless others in Christ, fill us with Your Holy Waters that we may be poured out as a drink offering in every land thirsty for You and empower us that in poor wretched sinners like us, Your glory may be seen. Give us a poor and contrite spirit that not a single shred of human pride be found in us and Your merciful eyes may look at us favorably at all times. Give us Your holy fear, O LORD that we may live courageously in faith in this Nation, witnessing for Your glory. ABBA FATHER, we need Your help to worship You in truth and in Spirit. Abba Father, tune our hearts and minds to Yours and give us a thirst for Your Spirit and hunger for Your Word, give us the mind of Christ and create a new heart within us, a sanctuary for Your Holy Presence, where LORD O GOD, You may dwell and rule in our lives and we may worship You in truth and Spirit and find true rest and satisfaction in You. In the mighty Name of Lord Jesus Christ, we pray and give thanks. Amen.”Dear God, Being alone is hard. We were created for community, not confinement. But we’re grateful that no matter how alone we may feel, You never leave or forsake us. And, we’re grateful for technology that helps us to stay in touch with each other. Today, please remind us that this time of social distancing and isolation will not last forever. Give us the strength to endure this difficult season, and deepen our connection with You and Your people. Empower us with an extra dose of Your love, peace, hope and joy, because we need it. Remind us of Your promises, and please heal our land. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

13. Almighty God, we pray for frontline health care workers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us. Lord we pray, keep them safe and healthy. Keep their families safe and healthy. God, help them to be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this disease, as well as the changing protocols. God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic. God, deliver them from anxiety for their own loved ones (aging parents, children, spouses, roommates). God, give them compassion for every patient in their care. God, provide for them financially, especially if they fall ill and are unable to work. God, help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that many would ask about the reason for their hope. Give them opportunities to proclaim the gospel. God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.

14. Heavenly Father, we also pray for the economic health of our country. Lord you it very well. Therefore, gracious God we urge you to sustain our country and please see us through. Father, we pray for wisdom for the Government to rethink their financial commitments and invest in what matters. We pray for our finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Lord you surround her with wise & faithful men & women who would be able to help her to make some crucial decisions for the betterment of this country specially Lord, we pray that poor may not suffer. Be merciful to us all here in this country. Father, we pray that your name may be exalted on high. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

15. That in the midst of all the confusion we would not fear but trust in the Lord because He is with us (Isaiah 41:10). Thank you, Lord, that we can have peace in You even in tribulation because You have overcome the world. (John 16:33). In the midst of worries and fear of death, God's peace be with us all. Give us peace, not as the world gives but your Peace Oh God. May our hearts not be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27). Gracious Heavenly Father, give ear to our prayers, petitions and thanksgiving offered in faith and continue to grant us Your grace and courage in the face of this epidemic of Corona Virus, let our hearts may not be troubled or anxious about anything in these present trying times but Your Heavenly peace may transcend our all understandings and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus with this knowledge that You are in control of our lives, we are in Your mighty hands and You alone are our dwelling place, the Most High Almighty God. In the mighty Name of Lord Jesus Christ, we pray and give thanks. (Philippians 4:6-7). In Jesus name, Amen.

16. May we not faint in the day of adversity, give us strength Oh Lord! “If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.” (Proverbs 24:10). Be merciful to us, O God, be merciful to us, for in you our soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings we will take refuge, until these calamities have passed by. (Psalm 57:1-2). We, God’s people would humble ourselves, repent, pray and seek God’s face and The Lord would hear from heaven and heal our land and the nations of this virus. (2 Chronicles 7:14). Lord help us to seek your strength. As it is commanded in your Word “Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered.” (1 Chronicles 16:11). We would not fear but know that the Lord is with us. He is our God. He will strengthen us and help us. He will uphold us with His righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

17. Lord, we come to you as we are weary and burdened please give us rest and teach us to lean upon you more and more. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30). Lord we hide in you, not in fear but in faith, so that we will continue to obey and fulfill your purpose for our lives. Let you be our shield around us, the One who lifts my head high" (Psalm 3:3). Lord, we would be strong and courageous and not be afraid or discouraged as you are with us wherever we go. (Joshua 1:9)

18. Dear Lord, help us not to forget all your benefits; that You forgive all our sins, heals all our diseases, redeem our lives from the pit and crown us with love and compassion. (Psalm 103). Please Lord, save us from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. (Psalm 91:3). Preserve us O God, for in You alone we take refuge. In the most holy Name of Lord Jesus Christ we pray and give thanks. (Psalm 16:1). We lack wisdom please Lord give us Your wisdom. (James 1:5) Please Lord give wisdom:

✚ *To our church leaders as they make crucial decisions during this time.*

✚ *To leaders in all areas of work as they decide how to handle this situation.*

✚ *To heads of universities, schools, seminaries, any learning institutions.*

✚ *To those working to develop a vaccine and it would be found soon.*

✚ *To parents how to handle the change in having to work from home and having their children at home 24/7.*

✚ *To those who have to care for their elderly at home.*

- ✚ *To decision makers in all areas.*
- ✚ *Give an extra portion of patience*
- ✚ *Husband and Wife would not fight but realise it is difficult and share fears and disappointments. We would resolve conflict in a healthy way.*
- ✚ *We would be disciplined in doing our work and students doing their assignments.*
- ✚ *We would not exasperate one another but rather grow closer to each other.*
- ✚ *Help us to resolve conflict quickly with our children.*
- ✚ *Help us to put each other first before ourselves. We would not think how I can be served but I would ask how I can love and serve my family.*

19. We are not alone. God is with us. “For the Lord will not cast off forever. Though he causes grief, yet he will show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies for he does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.” (Lamentations 3.31-33). Lord come and heal our sick world. Please Lord strengthen our feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear...” (Isaiah 35 v 3 & 4a). Please Lord, watch over us—be our shade at our right hand; the sun would not harm us by day, nor the moon by night. Please keep us and our dear ones from all harm—watch over our life. (Psalm 121: 5). Please Lord, grant peace in the land, that we may lie down and no one would make us afraid. Save us from this virus. (Lev 26:6). Lord, we pray for an end to the virus’ spread. The Corona virus did not take God by surprise; He is still governing and sustaining the world (Col. 1:17). Let your healing mercy and that He would graciously bring this pandemic to an end. Pray for healing for all those affected by the virus. Lord, help us to trust that you are able to calm the storm that is in our hearts. The Lord who dwells in us is much stronger than the one who is in the world. Father, we pray that we would be able to experience your presence in a way that we have not experienced before. Let you be sovereign over our failures as your church & mankind. Lord, we commit this time and struggles of mankind in your hands for your glory. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.