

# Intercessory Prayer Network

## Prayer Intentions for December 2020

### ***Pastoral Plan Priority #5 - Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord***

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12 - Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*

[Prayer from CCCB/ Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council:

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-National-Day-of-Prayer-EN.pdf>]

O God, Great Spirit and Faithful Creator, with humility we Your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things.

For this we thank You, we praise You and we worship You.

We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our Teacher, Prophet and Brother - to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in the Sacred Teachings.

Give us the honesty to recognize that the Earth provides us with life-sustaining breath, nourishment and healing, and give us the strength to proclaim by our words and actions that the Earth is a blessing for all peoples.

May we avoid the sins of exploitive personal power and profit.

May we seek the righteous way of love, service, and healing in all things.

Father, as we walk our journey on this Earth, may Your life-giving Spirit protect and guide us with Your Wisdom so that we might live in right relationship and harmony with all humanity.

May we pass on to future generations this Earth and all Your gifts as You have provided them to us.

+Amen



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*For those experiencing isolation in hospital, care homes, and prisons*

Loving God, as we journey through this Advent and Christmas season during the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray for all those who are struggling with isolation or separation from friends and family. We pray especially for those in hospital and care homes, as well as for those in prison. Help us to find ways to reach out in your name, with love and mercy, to overcome barriers and make connections through our prayers, words and actions. + Amen



***Pastoral Plan Priority # 4 – Build and Support Family and Community***

*Christmas Dec. 25 / Feast of the Holy Family Dec. 27*

[Prayer for Families composed by St. Teresa of Calcutta - Mother Teresa - <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=695> ]

Heavenly Father,

You have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign.

May it be deeply contemplative, intensely eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise.

May the eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever You give and give whatever You take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.

+ Amen.



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