



# Devotional/ morning prayer in view of the Corona pandemic

Together we will pray Psalm 31:

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:  
deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily:  
be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.
- 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;  
therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
- 4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me:  
for thou art my strength.
- 5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit:  
thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.
- 14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD:  
I said, Thou art my God.
- 15 My times are in thy hand.

## Impulse:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Protestant schools and universities worldwide,

All over the world, people are suffering from the new virus SARS-CoV-2. In many countries schools and universities have been or are currently being closed to reduce the risk of infection and prevent the pandemic from spreading rapidly. In more than 100 countries, people have fallen ill and others are afraid to fall ill as well.

The new disease causes fear. Because we humans always feel particularly threatened when we cannot assess the risk and the dimension of a danger.



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The current situation reminds us anew how fragile our lives are. Every new day, every new year of our lives is a gift and not our own possession. The new illness shows us how much all life, including us human beings, is connected on earth. We are all creatures among creatures, children of God. His love carries us all: the sick and the healthy, the living and the dead, the hopeful and the timid.

God's love is like the rhythm placed under the melody of our own lives. This rhythm carries and structures our life song in major and minor.

Let us feel this rhythm, let us not lose sight of heaven with our feet on the ground and let us not stop noticing how others sing this song of life with us:

People in China and Asia, people in Africa and Australia, people in Europe and in South and North America.

Christians are united in hope in the God of resurrection and life. In singing and praying, sharing the Bible and hoping, we entrust our suffering and joy, our worries and fears to God. Together we throw our worries onto Christ.

We resist all thinking that excludes other people and uses the danger of the unknown virus to set us humans against each other. But we also know that our careful handling of the danger of infection is important in order to protect not only ourselves but also other people. Our task as Christians is to live charity and to spread hope in God even in times of danger.

Therefore let us pray together in our schools and in our churches and families.

## Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, kind God,

the new disease that is moving around the world makes us restless and anxious:

We order you to all who have contracted the Corona virus. Put trust in you in their hearts and be close to them.

We entrust them to you and ask:

All: Lord have mercy.

**To You we order all old and sick people. Make them certain that even in sickness and even in death they will never fall out of your hand.**

To You we entrust them and ask:

All: Lord have mercy.



**To You we order all students and teachers. Give them hope and prudence!**

We entrust them to You and ask:

All: Lord, have mercy.

**To You we order all doctors, all nurses and all those who help the sick. Make them strong and give them - also through us - grateful words and protection.**

To You we entrust them and ask:

All: Lord, have mercy.

**Give wisdom, prudence and humility to all who make decisions in these days.**

To you we entrust them and ask:


All: Lord have mercy.

Together we continue to pray:

**Our Father...**

**Biblical reading on the way:**

In the first letter of Peter  
(1 Petr 5) we read:

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- 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**
  - 10** But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
  - 11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.