



Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece
The Holy Synod

Prayer in the Time of the Present Affliction and Tribulation*

O Lord our God, the Life, Succor, and Hope of the despairing, Who bestowest healing upon those who wholeheartedly take refuge in Thee, Who upholdest the infirm and grantest consolation to the fainthearted, Who strengthenest those in afflictions and healest those laid up in sickness: Hearken unto the entreaties and supplications of Thy servants and deliver both them and us from the destructive assault of the deadly virus called the coronavirus.

Yea, O Master and Ruler of All, look down from Thy holy dwelling-place, and behold and visit Thy Flock, delivering it from all scheming of enemies visible and invisible and from pestilences. Accept the repentance of us who in humility and lamentation cast ourselves into the unsullied ocean of Thy goodness, and pardon us every sin, both voluntary and involuntary, every passion and temptation, preserving us inviolate in the Orthodox Faith and in the path of Thy Divine commandments. Blot out this virus that hath appeared on account of our sins, and grant unto those in sickness complete healing and deliverance therefrom.

Those in peril within Thy sacred and holy Churches and houses of prayer for the sake of lauding the might of Thy dominion do Thou safeguard from every woe, from every attack of the Adversary, and from pernicious men and circumstances. Fortify Thy faithful people amid affliction and necessity, guarding and protecting them from every pain of both soul and body. Banish fear from their souls and implant courage in them. Make steadfast Thy Church, preserving Her from grievous circumstance and ill-treatment. Strengthen the pious, bestow peace on our state, and scatter the impious and their unholy machinations, lest they harm Thy world and Thy creation.

Grant unto us, O Master and Lord of all, illumination of soul and amendment of life, so that, freed from the deadly virus and all of its painful and terrible symptoms, we may all glorify with one mouth and one heart Thine all-honorable and majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

(*) This prayer was composed and approved by the Holy Synod of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece (November 2020), and Priests are requested to read it at the Divine Services before "*Through the prayers...*" It may also be used daily by lay faithful in their private prayers.