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**A Coronavirus Prayer**

*Loving and healing God,*

we, the people of the Diocese of Cloyne turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

*Generous God,*

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and government that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

*O God of creation and life,*

we place ourselves in your protection.

May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.

St Colman, pray for us.

St Fanahan, pray for us.

May all the Saints of God, pray for us. Amen.

This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in times which we are unable to attend Mass and receive communion.

**Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Light Humour** – ‘Sir, I wish to marry your daughter’. ‘Can you support a family?’ enquired the prospective father-in-law. ‘Yes sir, I think so.’ ‘Good! There are eight of us.’

A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million euro?" "To me, it's a cent." "God, may I have a cent?" "Wait a minute."

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## Thought for the Day

Have you ever found the story of the Resurrection hard to believe? Don't worry ..... you're in good company. At first the disciples could hardly believe it either. Mary Magdalene's initial reaction was to believe Jesus' body stolen. Although it had been predicted that Jesus would rise from the dead, the disciples were not expecting it either. If they had have been expecting it, surely they would have been watching by the tomb. Instead, they were huddled together in the upper room terrified that they would meet the same fate as Jesus.

Think what the Resurrection meant to the disciples when the truth gradually dawned on them. Someone they loved and believed in was alive again! It's likely they would have wanted to shout the news from the rooftops. Today we have the valuable testimonies of these disciples to inspire us. The disciples travelled with Jesus, worked with him and watched as he preached and healed. They saw that he had risen from the dead, and this certainty gave them joy and courage. The risen Jesus turned them from a group of disciples too terrified to leave the upper room, to a group of men who travelled far and wide in the face of great danger spreading the good news with enthusiasm and conviction. If we believe the integrity of the disciples and the truth of their testimony, then the Resurrection can't fail but have exciting meaning for us too.



**A VERY HAPPY AND HOLYEASTER TO YOU**

From

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