PRAYER for the time of COVID-19 virus epidemic

(after the ambo prayer or any appropriate time)

Priest: Having bent our knees, in all humility let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Almighty and Eternal Lord, You do not want the sinner to die, but you want him to convert and live. You sent salvation through your only begotten Son, who commanded us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search and find; knock, and they will open to you" (Mt 7: 7).

Therefore, we fall before You and we tearfully pray to You: "Do not enter into judgment with us, but mercifully turn away Your righteous anger from us and subdue coronavirus that in these times affects the human race unexpectedly. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, and save your people, that they may live in good health according to Your commandments and glorify Your holy Name. Have mercy and visit the sick with this illness; lift them from their bed of infirmity and restore their spiritual and physical health; and the souls of those who have already passed away from coronavirus in the faith and hope of the resurrection, give them peace with your saints, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no sighing, but life everlasting."

By the prayers of the Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and ever virgin Mary, the protection of the honorable heavenly incorporeal powers and guardian angels, with the grace of your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom belongs all glory, honor, and worship with the eternal Father, and the Most Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

Response: Amen.

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