



**Additional Solemn Intercession at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
on Good Friday AD 2020**

The Roman Missal provides that in time of grave public need, the Diocesan Bishop may permit or order the addition of a special intention to The Solemn Intercessions in the liturgy of Good Friday; and the recent decrees of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments concerning the liturgies of Holy Week during the COVID-19 pandemic indicate such a special intention should be included for those in distress, the sick, and the dead.

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, with a decree dated 30 March 2020, has provided the following text for that additional Intercession, IX b "For the afflicted in time of pandemic."

This Intercession is to be added between intercession IX, "For those in public office" and intercession X, "For those in tribulation."

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**The Solemn Intercessions**  
**IX b. For the afflicted in time of pandemic**

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died

**Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:**

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. **R/**. Amen.

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