

Prot. N. 155/20

DECREE
on the special intention to be added to the Solemn Intercessions
during the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
for the year 2020 only

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday this year has a particular significance because of the terrible pandemic that has stricken the whole world.

Indeed, on the day on which we celebrate the redeeming passion and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross, who like a slain lamb has taken upon himself the suffering and sin of the world, the Church raises her voice in prayer to God the Father Almighty for all humanity, and in particular for those who suffer most, while she awaits in faith the joy of the resurrection of her Spouse.

Therefore this Congregation, in virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, availing itself of a possibility already granted in the Roman Missal to the Diocesan Bishop in a situation of grave public need, proposes an intention to be added to the Solemn Intercessions of the above mentioned celebration, so that the prayers of those who invoke him in their tribulation might reach God the Father and so that, even in their adversity, all can experience the joy of his mercy.

The text of the invitation and the prayer is attached to this Decree.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 30 March 2020.

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Prefect

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Archbishop Secretary

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.

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