



March 17, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In this time of need and uncertainty, I invite all the faithful to seek the maternal intercession of our Blessed Lady as I share this prayer with you and encourage you to pray it daily, either individually or together as a family.

**Mary Immaculate, our Mother and our Patroness,
we ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.**

**Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our diocese, our nation and our world,
for our families and loved ones,
the protection of your Maternal mantle from this dreaded virus.**

**In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace and healing Presence of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.**

**We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Keep us in the embrace of your arms,
Help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus our Lord AMEN.**

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
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