

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
April 21, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

Notes from Fr. Steve

During the Easter season we hear each week from the Acts of the Apostles. "Acts" was written by St. Luke, the same Luke who wrote the Gospel of St. Luke. In Acts, Luke is so moved by the activity of the Holy Spirit. What we have in Acts, is essentially his diary. With that in mind, here is an explanation of the first reading, we heard at Mass.

Acts 4:8-12 captures a pivotal moment in the early Christian movement, showcasing the courage, conviction, and unwavering faith of the apostles Peter and John. This passage not only highlights the confrontational nature of their encounter with the religious authorities but also underscores the central message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Verse 8: "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people!'"

Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, stands fearlessly before the rulers and elders of the Jewish people. This moment signifies a profound transformation in Peter, who, once timid and prone to denial, now boldly proclaims the truth of Christ. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to speak with authority and conviction, demonstrating the divine guidance that accompanies faithful witness.

Verse 9: "If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed."

Peter directly addresses the accusation brought against them, highlighting the absurdity of being questioned for performing a compassionate deed. Their actions, driven by love and compassion, become a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love. The healing of the lame man serves as a tangible demonstration of the authority and presence of Jesus among His followers.

Verse 10-11: "Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

In these verses, Peter boldly declares the source of their power and authority: Jesus Christ. Despite facing opposition and persecution, Peter fearlessly proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ, emphasizing His victory over death and His role as the cornerstone of the Christian faith. The rejection of Jesus by the religious leaders parallels the rejection of the cornerstone in construction, yet God's plan unfolds despite human resistance.

Verse 12: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

This powerful declaration in the Acts of the Apostles is the essence of Christian Theology: salvation is found through Jesus Christ alone. Peter's words affirm the exclusivity of Christ as the Savior of humanity, emphasizing the foundational truth of the Christian faith. The apostles' unwavering commitment to proclaiming this message underscores the urgency of salvation, extending God's grace to all who believe. So that all might be saved.

In conclusion, Acts 4:8-12 serves as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of faith and witness. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, believers are emboldened to proclaim the truth of Christ fearlessly, regardless of opposition or persecution. The passage highlights the centrality of Jesus Christ in the Christian faith, emphasizing His role as the source of salvation for all humanity. As modern-day followers of Christ, may we draw inspiration from the apostles' example and boldly proclaim the gospel message to a world in need of hope and redemption. The Risen Lord is just as active in the community of believers as he was in the early community.

And then, as now, salvation comes from Jesus Christ!

I want to congratulate all of the young adults who were presented with the Timothy Award last weekend by Bishop Fisher. The award is given to young adults who have shown outstanding leadership qualities in the Church.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort, and hope!

Fr. Steve



Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Class of 2024

*Stephanie Gardzinski
Brandon Lussier
Timothy Lussier
Isabella Majchrzak
Clementine Ocampo
Jolene Pasamba
Austin Tapert*

*Nolan Vesprini
Johanna Celi
Sander Deang
Vince Milay
Robert Cucchiara
Raegan Ashley
Zachary Ashley*

A Blessing

*May God always bless you and keep you.
May God's face always shine upon you.
May you know God's compassion and mercy.
May God walk beside you with kindness.
May God fill your heart with peace.
May God's love be forever within you.*



**Congratulations to our
JWJ Catholic Academy**

2024 Timothy Award Recipients

In recognition of contributions in teen leadership, service and commitment to their parish, school, family, or civic community on behalf of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

presented by Bishop Fisher April 13, 2024



Kimberly Storen



Dennis Surhigh



Owen Brink



Isabelle Gonzales



Valentina Mansour



Sienna Roberts



JWJ Catholic Academy Eucharistic Revival Handbook Part 2



Eucharist is the true body and blood of Christ for the nourishment of the soul.

5. **Jesus' Love:** Jesus loves us so much that he wants to be close to us in this special way. When we receive Communion, we are receiving Jesus himself into our hearts.

6. **Encourage Questions:** It's okay to have questions about this belief and you are encouraged to ask them. If family members or parents can't answer your questions, ask a leader at the church or even the priest or deacon.

7. **Practical Application:** How can you respond to this belief? Prepare your hearts to receive Jesus. Approach the Eucharist with reverence and love. Reverence is regarding something with respect or a profound emotion inspired by God.

8. **Reinforcement:** Reinforce the concept of the Real Presence through stories from the Bible and the words of the Last Supper: "This is my body," "This is my blood," "Do this in remembrance of me." You can also reinforce the concept through participation in the Mass, receiving Communion and through other Catholic rituals.

"This is my body,
THIS IS MY BLOOD."  *"DO THIS IN*
Remembrance of me."

**ST. RENE GOUPIL
HAS ACQUIRED A "CHRIST RISEN
RELIQUARY STONE FROM THE TOMB OF
JESUS".
IT WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN OUR LIBRARY
WINDOW UNTIL PENTECOST.**



THANK YOU!!!

Parishioners of St. Rene Goupil Parish
for your continued support of our
youth ministry program!
Your donations make it possible to
continue our evangelization efforts in
Alaska and all over the globe!



Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter filled with the Holy Spirit, said: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Reading II

1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, April 21, 2024: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 22, 2024: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23, 2024: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25, 2024: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Friday, April 26, 2024: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27, 2024: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, April 28, 2024: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Martineau Family
 +Fr. Dennis Nowinski
 +Nadine Koehler
 Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver
 +Paul & Marie DelGrasso
 +Carolyn Zwierzchowski

Thursday, April 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver
 +Stella Sabo

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Saturday, April 27, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert
 +Rosemarie Calmi
 +Jerry Nowakowski
 +Adrian Gonska
 Parishioners of St. Rene
 +Edwin Wagner
 +James & Edward Koehler
 +C.S. & Levina Zanardelli
 +Franklin Langenstein
 +Anthony Belkowski
 +James Reaume Jr.
 +James Reaume Sr.
 +Lottie Kobus (90th Birthday)

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski
 +Josephine Martineau

10:30 a.m.

+Walt Kalcevic
 +Rose Zappa
 +Sam Zappa
 +Linda Tittjung
 +David Willick
 +Theodoros Vergos
 +Sandy Kratt

5:30 p.m.

Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia
 Special Intention of Brittany Hicks



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**PLEASE
 REMEMBER
 ST. RENE
 GOUPIL
 PARISH
 IN YOUR WILL**



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 27 & 28

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Louis Youkhana	Ricky Yulo	Jovita Engalan	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Isabella Gonzales Nathan Gonzales	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	J Dzuris M Passalacqua Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio T Monterio Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L Youkhana	K Nieto	H DeVera	V Jennings



Everyday Stewardship

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

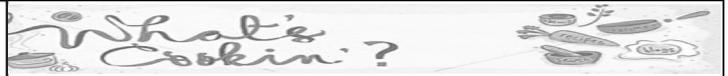
Canned fruit, mustard, ketchup, cooking oil and cake or cookie boxed mixes.

***Please do not donate restaurant condiments.**

STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit www.formed.org and click “Sign up.”
2. Click “I belong to a Parish or Organization.”
3. Type “Faith at Home Detroit” in the center box under Create New Account. (You’ll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click “Next.”
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you’re registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



Chicken Parmigiano

- 12 boned chicken breasts
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 1/2 c. Italian bread crumbs
- 2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce
- 12 slices Mozzarella cheese
- 6 tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Pound chicken breasts flat. Dip into egg with salt and pepper. Roll in crumbs and Parmesan cheese mixture. Brown in butter. Place in baking dish and layer Mozzarella cheese over them. Pour sauce over top. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Serves 8 to 10.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In St. John’s Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *I am the Good Shepherd*, giving us the beautiful image of Him as a shepherd attending to us, His flock. In contrast to the hired hand that bolts at the first sign of trouble, Jesus will never desert His flock. However, he is concerned for *other sheep that do not belong to his fold*. St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, reminds us that *there is no salvation through anyone else* but Christ. In St. John’s First Letter, he affirms that we are *children of God* through the great love of the Father for us. And yet, he observes that the world does not know Him. Evangelization is the consistent theme in these readings. One way to take the Catholic faith to the streets is to join a local St. Paul Street Evangelization team, or to volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the “Pay” button. It



SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



**Our Sunday Offering
April 13 & 14
Thank you for your
generous response.**

God Bless you!

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live masses](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



eucharisticrevival.org



We are in need of Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is interested, please contact Gordon Yeck at (810)343-2954.

We are in need of Ushers at the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in Ushering, please see one of the Ushers.

**Altar Server training
Anyone young or adult who would like to serve at the altar is invited to a training session. Please come serve at the altar!
Date & Time to be announced!**

The names for the prayer list for the sick is now done by personal intercession. Please drop the names of those needing prayers for healing in the petition box in the gathering area. We are asking that you take 2 names from the basket and pray for those people by name every day for four weeks. If an emergency comes up please call the parish office and we will get members of the community to pray and offer intercessions for them at daily mass.

Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:

Josey Blades (Air Force)
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)
Lt Col David Fries
Maj. Laura Geldhof
Joe Gill, Navy
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon
Christopher Grubby (Navy)

Pfc. Kevin Heath
Lt. Christopher Kerr
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)
Lt. Joseph Kraft
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)
Sgt. Chris Libeck
Mark Locricchio (Army)
Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)
LCPL Miguel Menzer
SPC Matthew Muellenhagen
Maj. Eric Olson
Chief Daniel Przybylinski

(Navy)
Justin Quinn (Marines)
Anthony Roszko (Army)
Lt. Greg Siuta
Maj. Allison Stewart
Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.
ISG Robert Sutton
Sgt. Matthew Sweetman
Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Amen.

Adoration Chapel



In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Church Fathers describe the Eucharist as: "The source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates in the Greek word Eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving.

"Take; this is my body" Mark 14:22

1. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true and substantial.
2. "It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC. No. 1328)
3. "Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, Dominicae cene, no. 3)
4. Eucharist makes the one present sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

If you would like to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God (without worldly interruptions), we have need for almost every hour to have a second adorer, thereby making less the need for a substitute. It is a sacrifice being Catholic in our world today, you need contemplation and the grace to make you holy. Please call Mary Peterson to sign up at (586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154.

**Uncommitted Hours
Tuesday 2pm, Wednesday 12pm & 1pm,
Friday 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
Michael Novak,
Director of Evangelization & Education
Alexander Sunga
Director of Worship & Music

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Legion of Mary
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
Divine Mercy
Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927
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Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
Perpetual Adoration
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
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St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)
(586) 718-4523
Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500.

St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

Marriage:

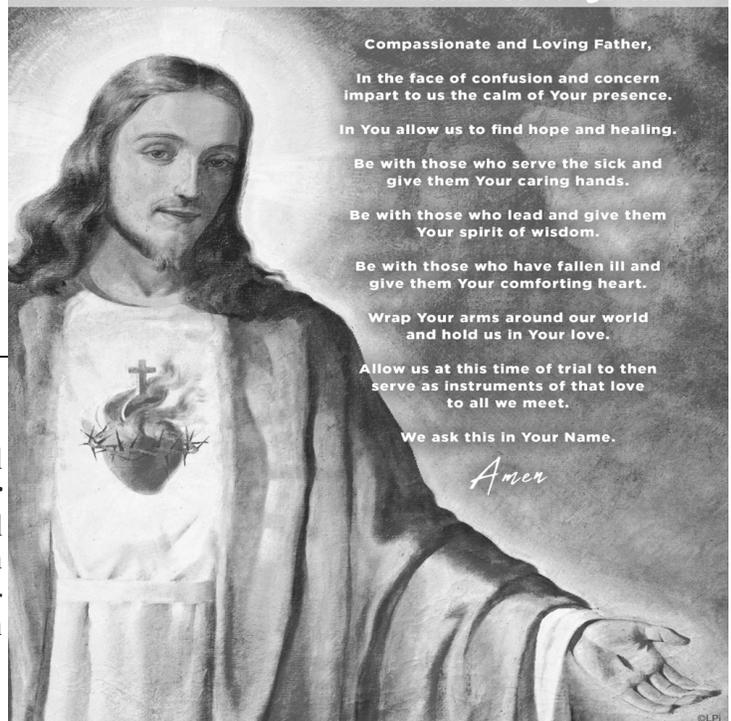
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen