

CALL TO PRAYER AND FASTING IN RESPONSE TO 21 DAY PARTIAL LOCKDOWN

EXCO met last night to deliberate on the implications of President Ramaphosa's announcement of a partial lockdown. Thereafter, we issued a statement that you received on your WhatsApp. The statement was a call to a common prayer and fasting in support of the 21 day. We propose the following:

1. We all (families included) pray in the morning at 0600 using the attached common prayer for from the morning of the 26th March to the morning of the 17th April 2020.
2. The prayers will be accompanied by a fast from in the morning of the 26th March to the morning of the 17th April 2020.
3. The fast will be for 6hrs every day during this period – from 0600 – 1200.
4. We encourage those who would like to pray more than we propose and fast longer than we propose to do so.
5. We also want all to take note that the 16th April is a review date and new harsher or less harsher measures will be announced before or on the review date.

Let's ask God to do it again, he has done it before and this is our time to glorify his name through the corona virus.

OUR GOD IS BIG ENOUGH!

A common prayer for Christians during the lockdown in response to:

THE HOUR THAT CHANGED OUR LIVES

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways again, to the glory of your Name.

(Silence).

During this season of Covid 19,

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, As you are united with the Father and the Holy Spirit

You are also united with each one of us

We now affirm and claim that deep and complete unity with you.

You promise to be with us until the end of time

We praise and thank you for your gentle presence, even if our eyes do not yet recognise you.

(Silence)

During this season of Covid 19,

As you are nothing else but Love

We now embrace and revel in that self-giving, self-emptying Love.

(Silence)

During this season of Covid 19,

We humbly bring before you the most vulnerable, the sick and the lonely

We humbly bring before you all those in the health professions

We humbly bring the medical researchers before you, especially those working on a vaccine for this virus

We humbly bring before you all those who are responsible for our daily needs

We humbly bring ourselves before you.

(Silence)

During this season of Covid 19,

Give wisdom to all in leadership

Give them a listening ear

Forgive them and us when we do not do your will

Heal the earth and all who dwells in it

Reset our heart, mind and spirit for a new day and a new holy communion with you, with others and
with all your creation

And bring us all to a joyful resurrection.

(Silence)

May your will be done.

Amen