



# ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

## *Community Prayer in a Time of Pandemic*

God of love and compassion,  
throughout all generations you have been our hope.  
In times of trouble, you have sent men and women  
to be instruments of your mercy.  
You gave us St. Vincent de Paul, who preached that,  
"Love is inventive, even to infinity."  
Help us to sense your love and care for us now  
as the coronavirus disease threatens the human family.

Let those who suffer know the depths of your infinite love.  
Heal the sick and allow them to feel your presence  
in their suffering and uncertainty.  
Enfold those who die in your embrace,  
and strengthen and console those who grieve.

Protect and defend all medical professionals and researchers  
as they put their own lives at risk for the good of others.  
Guide them as they must find creative approaches  
to stop the spread of this disease.

Source of mercy,  
we entrust to you the poor and the vulnerable,  
who we know suffer even more during times of crisis.  
Lead us to be more innovative in finding them the resources they need  
and provide care to those who suffer discrimination during this pandemic.

We, the St. John's University community,  
place all of our concerns into your hands.  
Be with us as we navigate through the many ways  
that our lives have been altered in these days.  
Help us to feel near to you and connected with one another,  
even when we are unable to gather in our communities.  
Give us the patience and ingenuity to meet these challenges.

God of all goodness,  
through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul,  
patron of hospitals and saint of charity,  
we ask that you heal our sickness, calm our fears,  
and in place of anxiety, send us your peace.

Amen.



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