



UDIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY

RAISING OUR PRAYERS – RAISING OUR HOPE DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTION INITIATIVE

OBJECTIVE:

- Call for solidarity during the coronavirus crisis
- Create connections between Bishop Solis and the People of God in Utah
- Create connections between the People of God in Utah
- Sustain the relevance of the Diocese in the lives of the People of God

INITIATIVE OVERVIEW:

We are Catholic people for whom prayer is an essential component of our faith, a lifeblood. Prayer helps to sustain, grow and deepen our love for Christ and our relationships with one another. We respond boldly through prayer, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, offering petitions for ourselves, others, and our holy Church to our merciful Father.

Many of us are weighed down by needs, worries and troubles. Still more are experiencing pressures and losses due to the extraordinary circumstances of the coronavirus. But, there is hope. Praying for others is an important sacrificial act of hope, and we are called to pray for others.

Bishop Solis invites the faithful to join him in participating in “Raising our Prayers-Raising our Hope,” the 2020 **Diocesan** Prayer Intention Initiative, praying as a community, as he commits to praying for the personal intentions of the faithful. Bishop Solis asks the faithful, “What can I pray for, for you?” They will respond to him, using various communications methods detailed below, and their intentions will be included in his daily, personal prayers.

Additionally the faithful will reciprocate and commit to praying for the world and one another, by selecting a **diocesan** intention, daily or weekly.

LET US PRAY:

We hold in prayer all those who are suffering from the Coronavirus, especially for those who have died and their loved ones.

We pray for all those who lost their jobs or are experiencing financial burdens, personal concerns and other challenges in their life as a result of the ongoing crisis.

We hold in prayer the clergy of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, as they continue to shepherd our faith communities amidst challenges and the unknown.

We pray for all the medical personnel and first responders who are working tirelessly to save lives and keep our communities safe.

We pray for all of the young people in our communities, most especially those achieving milestones like graduations.

We pray that you and your families are safe and healthy, and for those who are isolated and alone.

Prayer Intention Submissions:

- Social media – comments through Facebook and YouTube
- Email (PrayforMe@dioslc.org)
- Online form (dioslc.org) - <https://www.catholicsaltlakecity.com/prayer-intentions>
- Paper form (clip-able and printed, Intermountain Catholic newspaper)

LOGISTICS:

- Prayer intention submissions will be cataloged and disseminated to the Bishop's office daily through Marilyn Acosta, Executive Assistant
- Responses and assurances of his prayers will be sent to each person submitting an intention within 5 days, pursuant to their mode of submission, as follows:
 - Social media – reply to the comment
 - Email, online forms, paper form (if email provided) – Email
 - Postcard – in cases of no electronic communications method

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Development of initiative logo/artwork
- Two, half page ads in the Intermountain Catholic newspaper – English and Spanish
- Potential Intermountain Catholic newspaper article
- Social media outlets

- Diocesan website
- Parish bulletins, newsletters, broadcast emails, networks
- Catholic schools broadcast emails and networks
- Diocesan offices and networks
- DDD monthly pledge reminder bucksliip advertisement

Saint Paul prayed,

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13