

Prayer Petition:

A Prayer Regarding the H1N1 Flu Virus (Swine Flu)

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 16:5-11, Psalm 91

Reflections of the Heart:

As children of God, we know that we do not need to fear or panic when we hear about outbreaks of diseases. God promises that He will rescue us from every danger and protect us from deadly diseases.

Scriptural Prayer:

Father God, we praise You. We praise You, God our Savior! Each day You carry us in Your arms. Lord, there is no one like You! You are great, and Your Name is full of power. You made the earth by Your power, and You preserve it by Your wisdom. With Your own understanding, You stretched out the heavens. With Your great strength and powerful arm, You made the earth and all its people and every animal. We thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, who gave us the authority to place our hands on the sick, and they recover. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, who gives the gift of healing. Thank You for helping medical researchers and doctors to develop the vaccine for this virus. Abba Father, You are our strength and our shield. We trust You with all our hearts. You help us, and our hearts are filled with joy. We burst out in songs of thanksgiving!

Heavenly Father, our world has recently been plagued with the H1N1 virus which has caused swine flu to afflict thousands of people around the world. For us, this is a new name, Lord, and Your Word declares that You elevated Jesus to the place of highest honor and gave Him the Name above all other names, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to Your glory. We speak the Name of "Jesus" over the H1N1 virus. We command this H1N1 flu virus to bow to the Name of Jesus Christ and self destruct. We cancel every demonic attempt to bring more death and destruction through this pandemic. We proclaim healing in the Name of Jesus for those who are afflicted with it. O Lord our God, we expect that when Your people cry to You for help, their health will be restored. Lord Jesus, You are our Light and Salvation, so we will not be afraid. You are our fortress and protection from danger, so we will not tremble. We declare that we are not governed by the spirit of fear and timidity, but by Your Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. We declare that as we read the reports and hear the news about this flu pandemic, we will not give in to panic or fear. We will not dread this disease or others that stalk in darkness, nor any disaster that may strike at mid-day. In Jesus' Name, none of these evils will touch us as we make the Most High our refuge and shelter. No evil will conquer and no plague will come near our homes.

Holy Spirit, remind the body of Christ to act in the authority that Jesus has given us and declare healing to come forth for those who are afflicted. Remind us to wash our hands frequently, cough into the crook of our elbow and cover our mouths with a tissue. Remind us to eat healthy foods, exercise regularly, and get the proper amount of rest in order to sustain a strong immune system. For those who have been infected by the H1N1 virus or any strain of flu, reassure them that family and work will be all right. Speak to them about resting instead of working during their recovery time. For those who do not have health insurance, touch the medical industry to provide medication and vaccines for them. Holy Spirit, protect us from any harmful side effects from the H1N1 vaccine. It has been said that the testing of the vaccine has been fast tracked; therefore it is not fully known what are the long-term side effects. Yet, we need this vaccine. We are trusting You to protect everyone who receives the vaccine.

Holy Spirit, show me what I can do to assist those who are in need in the event of a swine flu epidemic:

Merciful Father, forgive those who take their health for granted. Forgive those who thoughtlessly spread the H1N1 virus by not using the necessary precautions. Forgive those who are panicking about this outbreak and not trusting that You have the power to protect from this pandemic. Forgive those in the medical and insurance industries who are more concerned about profits than about good health. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed.)*** Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy***

Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, “I forgive name of person(s).” Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, help all of us to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

O Lord our God, You are the God of gods and the Lord of lords. You are the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed. O Lord God of Heaven’s Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as You, O Lord? You are entirely faithful. Powerful is Your arm! Strong is Your hand! Your right hand is lifted high in glorious strength. We pray to You in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Your Righteous Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 68:19, Jeremiah 10:6, Jeremiah 10:12, Jeremiah 27:5, Mark 16:18, I Corinthians 12:9, Psalm 28:7, Philippians 2:9-11, Psalm 30:2, Psalm 27:1, II Timothy 1:7, Psalm 91:6-7, Luke 10:19, Deuteronomy 10:17, Psalm 89:8,13

Today I will trust God to:
