

# Pope Francis calls on Christians worldwide to combat coronavirus pandemic with midday prayer on March 25



Pope Francis has called on the leaders of all the Christian churches, communities and confessions worldwide, as well Christians everywhere, to join together in praying the Our Father on March 25 to implore God to rid the world of the [coronavirus pandemic](#) that is wreaking havoc everywhere.

He also said that he would lead a prayer service from the front of St. Peter's Basilica on March 27 and afterwards would offer a blessing "Urbi et Orbi"—"to the city of Rome and the world"—with the Blessed Sacrament.

Francis announced these two prayer events after midday on Sunday, March 22, after reciting the Angelus from the library in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, where he usually meets heads of state, religious leaders and distinguished persons.

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