

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

I am writing to you at this time of struggle and uncertainty to reassure you of our prayers and love. Even though our churches and parish offices are closed, the radiance of Christ love and mercy goes beyond the walls of our temples and permeates every heart and reaches out to everyone offering comfort, hope and peace. Let us stay united in prayer and thought. Try to think of a specific name, moment you shared with each other, particular need of your brother or sister and let us pray, pray and once again pray. You can start your own novena, special devotion or you can fast, it can be done together as a group over the phone or internet. We all need to feel God's presence at this time but we also need to encourage and reassure each other, do it often by all means available to you. All of us here at the rectory keep you in our prayers and in our daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

**Every day I will pray rosary at 9am for your intentions and well-being. I invite you to join me in this prayer at you own places, let us create this great spiritual bond of hearts and minds. At the beginning and at the end of your prayer please say this special invocation:**  
*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

At times of struggle and grave danger Christians everywhere would always turn to God and plea with Him to show mercy and to take the danger away. Dear Friends, stay strong in your faith, stay strong in your love for each other and stay strong in your hope.

*“I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”*

***St. Pope John Paul II***

In Christ,  
Fr. Waldemar