A Coronavirus Prayer

*Loving and healing God,*   
we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer,   
confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.  
We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.  
May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

*Generous God,*  
fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,   
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.  
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.  
May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.  
Comfort their family and friends.  
Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick  
and all who work in our medical facilities.  
Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance  
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.  
We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.  
Bless them and keep them safe.

*O God of creation and life,*we place ourselves in your protection.  
May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.  
 St Brigid, pray for us.  
 St Conleth, pray for us.  
 St Lazerian, pray for us.  
 May all the saints of God, pray for us. Amen.