



Commission of the Bishops' Conferences  
of the European Union



St Gallen and Brussels, 12 March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters of Europe,

As Presidents of the two bodies representing the Bishops' Conferences of European countries, we turn to you so that, at this difficult time when we are sorely tested by the pandemic caused by COVID-19, together we can raise our common prayer to God for help, comfort and salvation.

*God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us  
You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies,*

*look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in  
many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation  
and relief,*

*deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom  
to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal  
life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all  
evil.*

*We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for  
ever and ever. Amen.*

*Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!*

May our blessing be with you,

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