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FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : LITANY OF GRATITUDE AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE : 7 FEBRUARY 2023

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) provided a special prayer, **'The Litany of Gratitude after the COVID-19 pandemic'** (See attachment), to replace the *'Oratio Imperata* (obligatory prayer) against the COVID-19 pandemic'.¹


The *Litany of Gratitude* is to be prayed in all weekday and Sunday Masses from **February 11** (Saturday) **until February 22** (Ash Wednesday), **2023**.

We would like to request the Thomasian community to pray *The Litany of Gratitude* especially before the Eucharistic celebrations in our respective units, during recollections, retreats, monthly masses, and special occasions, in our chapels and other designated places, within the aforementioned period of time.

The UST Communications Bureau is also preparing an audio-visual presentation of the said prayer.

Having participated in praying for divine protection *"against the COVID-19 virus that has disturbed and claimed many lives"* in the past three years, the University is, once again, one with the CBCP, but now, in thanking God *"for reminding us of the fragility of life"* and *"for the gift of newly discovered medicines and vaccines."*

Thank you!


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Secretary-General

¹ The CBCP first issued the *'Oratio Imperata* against the COVID-19 pandemic' in January 2020, and revised the prayer in February 2021 and January 2022 to include a plea to *"bless our efforts to use the medicines developed to end the pandemic in our country."*



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Litany of Gratitude after the COVID-19 Pandemic
The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines

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Leader: Let us approach the Lord, Who makes all things new, for all the blessings and graces we received during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After every petition, let us say together: **Thanks be to God.**

For reminding us of the fragility of life, shielding us when no one else dared to shelter us and opening our minds to what is really essential, let us thank the Lord:

Response: Thanks be to God.

For allowing us to connect with one another with faith and love, despite the isolation that sickness had imposed on us, let us thank the Lord:

Response: Thanks be to God.

For the heroic kindness of those who provided us with scientific, social and spiritual help when doing so was both risky and life threatening for them, let us thank the Lord:

Response: Thanks be to God.

For the gift of newly discovered medicines and vaccines to combat the virus and the wonder of natural immunity, let us thank the Lord:

Response: Thanks be to God.

For the gift of assuring presence, when we were anxious and distressed, depressed and lonely and impatient during the pandemic, let us thank the Lord:

Response: Thanks be to God.

Let us pray:

Loving God, no thought of ours is unknown to You. No tear we shed is unimportant to You. No joy we celebrate is alien to You. You entered our world of sickness, suffering and death and You know the fears we face. Accept our thanksgiving for Your provident love during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you wept at the death of Lazarus, breathe the breath of life everlasting on all those who died from the coronavirus. You have turned our fears into joy and for this we thank and praise You. To you be glory now and forever.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, pray for us.

San Roque, pray for us.

