



The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan  
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Dear Friends:

The COVID-19 virus is a serious concern for many of us as we adjust to the way we live and worship together in the midst of this crisis. As faith communities, we are called to remain compassionate and calm.

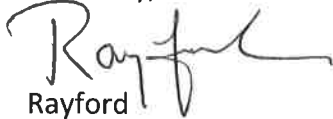
The Michigan bishops have come together to encourage our congregations to refrain from worshipping in person for the rest of the month. We feel this is prudent in order to keep us healthy and safe.

As Lydia Kelsey Bucklin writes,

"It might do us well to remember that we are indeed in the in the midst of Lent, a time of deep prayer and humility. It is a time when many of us are called to give up those things of comfort that we may have taken for granted. Remember, God is with you during this time. Let this be a time of deepening our faith at home and with our immediate friends and family. Let this be a time of self reflection and self care. Our God works in mysterious ways and we do not yet know why we are facing a time such as this, but let us be assured that resurrection is always promised. And we remain one body of Christ."

We are attaching a "Praying at Home" booklet for your use during this time. If you have questions or concerns please call the office.

Faithfully,

  
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