

## ***Prayers for our time***

Let us bow the knee of our hearts and pray to our God, the God of grace:

We pray today for your Church, for all churches and congregations who are unable to meet together at this time, for all who are meeting to pray together when we cannot: that we may all hold onto your hope in a time of fear, show your compassion in in a troubled world, and be your kingdom here on earth.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all your children around the world, for all nations struggling with the outbreak of deadly disease, for the leaders who bear the heavy weight of authority and government: that we may have the courage to do what we must to keep each other safe and healthy, to hold on to a vision of the common good for all your children, and face the days ahead in grace and hope.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who will lead us through this time of crisis, for wisdom and insight for specialists and experts, for those working to ensure that everyone can receive the treatment they need, that they receive the gift of patience, have all the tools they need to do their work, and the courage to speak in truth and compassion.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community and all our communities at this time: for all who must continue to work; for those whose lives are disrupted; for those who have lost their jobs; for all who will struggle to have enough food; for those who are homeless, that a spirit of generosity and kindness may move among us; that we may better understand the cares and concerns of our neighbors and friends, and that we find the courage to do what we must to care all of your children.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick: for those diagnosed with COVID-19, for all those awaiting tests, for all who are under quarantine: that they know your presence when they feel alone; that they know your hope together with their fear; and that they know the power of your love.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We repent of the sins into which we fall: of the pride that leads us to believe that we will escape, of the greed that leads to think only of ourselves, of the despair that comes from loneliness and fear: that we might embrace your forgiveness and mercy, find new ways to care for one another, and shine with the light of Christ's resurrection.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Even at this time, Holy God, we give you thanks for the good things in our lives: for the wonderful gifts of the health care professionals working today; for the skill and diligence of those working to expand testing and create a vaccine; for the goodness of our neighbors and friends; for the sacrifices of all who work for the common good: that we may remember that hope springs from fear; that faith grows from the ground of uncertainty and doubt; and that we may hold fast to the truth that your love is stronger than death.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**