

*As we pray, we may take time between each paragraph for silent prayer over those who are brought to mind.*

Holy God

Your loyal love knows no bounds. Wherever we are, you are present to us. And so, in a few moments of silence, we each offer to you this week's personal joys and concerns.

As we take in new realities in the world and endure limited contact with others, we experience feelings of frustration and anxiety, of sorrow and grief, of fear and uncertainty. As a family of faith, we place all these things before you, giving ourselves over to your loyal love. In your mercy, remind us of your presence with us in these days.

All around us, there is need. We feel it. We sense it. We read and hear and watch it. In you, LORD, there is *enough* – enough to meet the world's need. In you, there is enough for all. In you, LORD, there is enough healing for all – healing for those who are sick. We think of those who are afflicted by illness, and ask that you restore them to health through your Spirit, and through the work of those who so diligently care for them.

In you, LORD, there is enough protection for all – protection for those who put themselves in harm's way to care for the ill, for those who keep us safe, for those who supply our food and other basic needs. We think of those whose lives of service make them unable to protect themselves adequately from the dangers present to us. We ask that you will work things out for their good, and that you will reward their selflessness.

In you, LORD, there is enough comfort for all – comfort for those who deal with sadness and loss. We think of those who experience grief or sorrow because of death or abandonment or any other brokenness, and ask that you give them great measures of your consolation.

In you, LORD, there is enough watchfulness for all – your eye is on the marginalized, you never overlook them or fail to remember them. We think of those who are without places to live and food to eat, those who are alone, those who are incarcerated, and all whose basic needs for life and love are not met. We ask that you will keep them, shelter them, provide for them, and be near to them. Because of your great compassion, meet the needs of those who lose the most in times of crisis.

In you, LORD, there is joy enough for all – joy for people in their isolation and concern. We think of people everywhere, including ourselves, who contend with the loneliness and the pressures these days have brought. Grant us joyful hearts and fullness of life, even now.

And LORD, in these days, enliven us to action. Use us to extend your healing. May we find ways to protect each other and all of your creation. Let us be your comfort to those who are broken. Make us watchful over those who are most vulnerable. May the joy you place in our hearts overflow to others as we find creative ways to connect and share our lives. We are watching for

your guidance. We are listening for your voice. As you are present to us, we are available to be your presence to others.

In you, our God, there is lordship for all. We submit to you and trust in you. We give ourselves again to live for your love and for your glory. Your abundant goodness is our fulfillment, and we find in you a fountain of true life. We delight and rejoice in your loyal love.

Thanks be to you, LORD!

Amen.