Prayers of the People March 22, 2020

In this time of COVID19, we come before you O God, so very thankful for your presence. May we gain solace from your promises and presence. The unknowns of where this pandemic will lead us causes us fear - for health, our economy, our future. We see that **perfect fear** can cast out **love** and cause greed and selfishness.

Father you have told us that **perfect Love** casts out **fear**. We ask that your perfect love will be known in our lives as we care for those around us. Please give wisdom to our leaders who are making decisions that will have long term effects on all of our lives. We are so thankful for our medical community who are risking their health for the wellbeing of society. We also give thanks to all who are serving our community. Protect them we pray.

Lord Jesus, you've taught us to love our neighbor and to care for those in need. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to care for those around us. May we give assurance and show love - your love to those isolated. God of Compassion, be our strength, hope and light.

Give us this day our Daily Bread. Be Still and Know that I Am God.

Thank you, O Mighty Creator for your love.

Amen