

Prayers of the People for June 28, 2020 FBC Edmonton

God of all,

We are weary and overwhelmed by the state of our world
our communities
and our own souls.

In these difficult days our eyes have been opened anew to the suffering and pain that engulfs so many of your beloved children across this planet.

We pray for the end to the BRUTAL civil war raging in **Yemen** that has claimed more than 16,000 lives and left 13million people on the brink of starvation.

God have mercy
Christ have mercy
Spirit have mercy

We pray for the Black Lives Matter movement and that the end would come to the list of names of brutally and senselessly killed people. Precious, cherished sons and daughters like Elijah McLean, Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and the list goes on and on and on and on.

Please show us how to channel our anger against this and so many other broken systems - systems that break the very people they were designed to serve.

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The Covid -19 pandemic is ravaging our world in so many ways. We pray for a vaccine and thank you for the scientists and professionals who are working to that end.

We pray for the marginalized who are dying at a disproportionately higher rate from the Covid virus. Especially today for people in Brazil, Mexico, India, and China.

We pray for essential workers across the world who put themselves in harms way for the sake of others.

For Nurses, EMTs, Respiratory Therapists, Pharmacists and Doctors.
For delivery personnel, for truck drivers, for gas station attendants.

For food service providers, and grocery shelf stockers.
For those who are keeping us healthy and fed and comfortable in this season of illness and risk we thank you and pray for their provision and safety.

For the elderly in care homes, lonely and sick. For the incarcerated cut off from supports and family.
For people disabled, shut in, homeless, mental ill.
For those who have lost loved ones and are grieving in isolation.
For those who are suffering financially because of unemployment or business loss as a result of the pandemic. Again, our list goes on and on.

Christ show us, how to be your hands and feet and ears and arms to support and care for those who are suffering.

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In the midst of these unprecedented times we seek your sustaining, healing and comforting presence. We cry out for your wisdom, for clarity, for capacity to engage with the world's pain and not be pulled under by it.

Spirit give us wisdom to know when it's time to turn off the news and rest and courage to turn it back on and to allow our heart break to mingle with our faith and become action.

May your love be the source of our courage to act on behalf of those suffering.

May your love inspire us to stand with the oppressed.

May your love soothe our weary hearts, souls, bodies and minds.

May your love sustain us all.

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Amen