

Our Father in heaven, we acknowledge you as our Omnipotent, all-wise Creator and generous provider who is slow to anger and abounding in love. You are a Father who forgives all iniquity and heals our diseases. You redeem our life from the pit and crown us with love and mercy. We thank you for our daily provision of food, water and clean air, which we so often take for granted.

Creator God, as we look upon our world today, every continent vibrates with a pandemic of fear, mistrust, anger, hurt, bigotry and violence as well as a corona virus. Millions of your children are pleading just to be treated as human beings. But in the midst of this we hold to the hope that you are at work through those who call upon Jesus as their Saviour, as well as those who call on you through their own culture and tradition as they best know how.

We read the stories of Jesus...how he travelled through the cities and villages in Galilee, teaching in synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. We offer ourselves as instruments of your healing love, in forgiveness and reconciliation with people of all cultures and races whom we have treated unfairly or demeaned consciously or unconsciously. We give up hatred and feelings of superiority or inferiority towards all people, and instead replace it with the mind of Christ. May we be bold by the power of your Holy Spirit to love radically; to risk loving people who look different from us or who do not speak like us.

We lift up the leaders of our land: the Prime Minister, Premiers and leaders at the Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels. We ask for wisdom especially for law enforcement personnel. Send your healing spirit to touch all who have suffered violence, and protect those who seek to protect and serve, and keep our communities safe. We remember the family of George Floyd and others who are grieving the loss of a family member. May all who are oppressed in body, mind and spirit find renewed hope and strength in the words of the Psalmist: "The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed".

Like the Good Samaritan, may we be quick to pour oil and wine into the wounded hearts of people everywhere, beginning with our brothers and sisters in this congregation. Heal and restore stability to all who suffer

losses of many kinds -- such as health, a job or finances during this COVID Pandemic.

O God, send now a pandemic of love throughout our world for it is only when we truly love one another that we will see **your kingdom come and Your will being done on earth.**

We pray in the name of and give All glory and honour to the community of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit AMEN.

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