

## **Prayers of the People:**

Dear Lord Jesus,

During these strange and difficult times, our hearts cry out, "may you be glorified!"  
May you be glorified by the response of your people to injustice and sorrow and tragedy.  
Lord, teach us, remind us, to make our first response be towards you.  
Help us seek your heart for wisdom, for revelation, for forgiveness.  
Draw your people to new avenues of prayer, Lord, that we may prepare the soil of our hearts  
and the hearts of all people for truth and justice, love, and mercy. Please, make us more like  
you as we pray. Build in us hearts to face others with compassion and mercy.  
May we experience your healing, so we may offer healing to others.  
May we be convicted of our sins and receive forgiveness so we may extend forgiveness to  
others. For those who are feeling isolated, becoming habituated to shutting out the world,  
may we remember that "God so loved the world" and seek new ways to bring your love and  
light to those around us. Strengthen us, abolish fear, pour out wisdom and draw us near to you.  
May you be glorified, in us and through us, and may your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth!

Amen.

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