

Prayers of the People

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During Covid -19

Gracious God, some of us have gathered in our church building whilst others are in front of a computer, tablet or smart phone. All these places are made sacred because our hearts are united by proximity as well as distance. Wherever we are and wherever we have created a place to listen to your word and music, we are in a holy and sacred place indeed.

We may struggle believing that our space is sacred, and we struggle to find holiness, so we ask you God to give us grace and faith to embrace each place where you are present.

We are still anxious and worried about our future. Covid-19 has caused in us an insecurity about how our lives are changing. At times we are impatient and see that we are not diligently practicing the health guidelines as recommended

During this we wonder, where are you? Where are you leading us in this adversity? We are grieving, we are depressed, and we struggle with acceptance of our situation.

God, we grieve what we hear in the news of other countries struggling more than we are. We grieve hearing of discrimination and racial insults leading to death. God helps us to grieve and to give space for others to grieve.

God, we pray for our leaders of government, medicine and science and pray that they would hear your message and trust in your timing. Help us in our impatience not to rush in to fix things and control them to just do something.

Give us strength to trust you with all the issues of the world as well as our personal issues. Help us to release our depression, anxiety, grief and fear for what our future holds.

Even though we may have people in our lives we find ourselves feeling very lonely. As a community we miss communing and we miss conversations with strangers as well.

We have sacrificed weddings, anniversaries and graduations, birthdays and funerals. We plan tentatively for the future but not with full vigor because we are on shaky footing for what our future holds.

You, O, God are acquainted with all our thoughts and actions.

You know us completely. Help us to trust you completely with each step we take.

In all these things, Hear our prayers O God.

We pray in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.

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