

Prayers of the People

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FBCE

Gracious God, we are gathered to pray. We pray because we are finding it hard to be in a waiting period due to the Covid pandemic. Even here we realize that you ask us to be joyful and to accept our circumstances in joy.

God , we confess that this is difficult for us as we are getting restless and impatient with the restraints put upon our society. We want to have joy for the many things you have given us despite the precautions we need to take.

You ask us to be persistent and we falter. Help us to be consistent in prayer, helping one another, doing good things. Teach us to be thankful for all we have and counting it all joy and our privilege.

Give to us a spirit of gratitude and joy that we support those in grief and illness. We also pray for those that are going through financial hardship and ask that you give us joy in giving to help one another.

We are discouraged with rallies and demonstrations that turn into violence and ask that you help us be bearers of peace amidst the discord and that we can show a different side of support and acceptance of difficult times.

We thank you for the joy we have in being able to start the regathering process for our church. The joy we feel in seeing our brothers and sisters that we have been isolated from gives us new encouragement.

We receive in joy the technology of live streaming and are joyfully filled with gratefulness for people that share those gifts.

We give praise to you to find ways to incorporate music in our service to praise and worship you.

Although we cannot proceed with our usual programs especially for our children, we thank you for the ways that you help us to remember and hold them in our hands. They give us such joy and help us not to despair. We praise you for their lives.

God it is in hope of your will being done and that we will see changes for good.
We ask for strength that we stand firm together as a community of Christ.
Continue to help us to strive to serve others, stay faithful in prayer and work side
by side with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Give us the joy to see what we have
rather than what we lack .Let our joy shine for your glory.

We pray this in the community of faith, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen

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