

**(Theme: Love in Action – Romans 12:9-21)**

**LET US, GOD'S PEOPLE, PRAY**

**Leader:** ~ Glorious Creator, **You** sanctify our faith, **You** transform our souls, and **You** guide us as we navigate this often messy, earthly life. Help us to continually seek Your Strength and Your Presence, that we may not be consumed by disheartening and discouraging events and news around us, but set our minds on you and your desire for us to be good news in the midst.

**RESPONSE:** Constant and Forever God  
**Grant us Your Strength**

~ Glorious Creator, move your Spirit within us to persist, and prevail upon the leaders of this Country, this Community, and this World, to reject repaying evil with evil, to hold fast to what is good, working and legislating only for the honor, dignity, and humanity for all Your people everywhere. Hear our hearts, Lord, as we pause to pray for healing of the divisiveness we are seeing in our world today and experiencing in our personal relationships....

Constant and Forever God  
**Grant us Your Strength**

~ Glorious Creator, grant us wisdom as listening ears and helping hands to care for those in desperate life circumstances. We ask for protection for the marginalized in our communities. For the elderly and vulnerable to COVID 19, shelter them from physical and emotional harm. For those who have nowhere to lay their head, may you not only protect them, but whisper to the hearts right now who have resources to help them find shelter. For single mums, single dads who can't spare time off work for their kids, we pray for friends and relatives who are able to care for their children during this time. For those worried about finances and business owners concerned about their livelihood, we pray you financially provide for them. We now join our hearts together to pause and pray for those in need...

Constant and Forever God  
**Grant us Your Strength**

~ Glorious Creator, grant relief to those who have a physical or mental illness, who have felt a rise in stress, depression and anxiety during this time, or who have been battling this for some time. May their hearts be troubled no longer. May they be free in their minds like the birds of the sky who have no worries. Fill all our minds with everything true, noble, lovely, pure and praiseworthy. We pause and lift our friends with anxious hearts to you now....

Constant and Forever God  
**Grant us Your Strength**

~ Glorious Creator, may our hearts know the joy that celebrates all who have now risen into your presence, free of misery and tears. For those who have lost a loved one through coronavirus or otherwise, may you sit next to them Jesus and weep with them. Prompt friends and family to surround and support them, to mourn and grieve with them, and to love on them. We pause and lift the cries of our hearts to you in prayer....

Constant and Forever God  
**Grant us Your Strength**

~ Glorious Creator, we pause in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials...

Constant and Forever God  
**Grant us Your Strength**

~ O God of Yesterday, Today, and Forever, we are nothing without You. You are the author and creator of everything we have, everything seen and unseen. The vast mountains, the wild forests, the gentle autumn rains, and the air we breathe. The ones we love, and the ones we find hard to love all came from your creative hands. We are brothers and sisters, so may we share with our brothers and sisters now. Jesus, may we be inspired by your generous sacrifice you made for all of us. In this time, may generosity flourish among neighbours and strangers, ensuring we all have enough, starting right now in Edmonton, and spreading far quicker and wider than this coronavirus ever will. We ask all of this in your beautiful name. **Amen.**

*--Prayers collected by Kathy Brown*