

Congregational Prayer:

Lord, hear our prayers, as we pray for your mercy and peace in these days of change and uncertainty:

- For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.
- For our local, state, and federal governments: God, guide our elected officials as they serve, that they would be wise and filled with integrity in making decisions.
- For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.
- For school administrators and educators as they prepare for an uncertain start to a new year: God, ease their levels of stress and guide them as educators and leaders.
- For parents and students: God, we pray for their health and protection, for guidance and understanding and the blessing of education.
- For college and university students, whose courses of study are changing, whose placements are canceled, whose daily plans are in limbo: God, show them that while life is uncertain, their trust is in you.
- For church congregations: God, may the presence of your Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus, bless all with hope, compassion, mercy and trust.

Hear our prayers, O God, both these we've prayed, and all other expressions as your people seek your will and your guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen.