



March 25, 2020 – Chaplain Venessa’s Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

We thank you, dear God, for hours of unity. Selfless acts of service and kindness warm our hearts. Strangers see opportunities to share with others. Our medical warriors are working together, at personal risk, to care for the rest of us. We thank you for their remarkable commitment.

People encouraging people with scriptures and reminders of your faithfulness. We read posts urging us to respect each other, care for each other, and look up. We confess we have been anxious, but because of you, we have hope.

We ask you, Merciful God, let your mercy be upon all who suffer. Grant to those who lead us wisdom beyond their years and experience. Have mercy upon the souls who have been hurt by this disease. Give us grace to help each other and faith that we might believe it is because of you that we know of love. We especially lift-up in this moment, friends who have been exposed to COVID19, send your healing spirit and lead them to wholeness.

There are so many of our friends and families that we know have been affected by this pandemic in one way or another, we need your comfort Oh God, bring peace to our minds, our bodies, and our souls. We pray for SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS – You know the needs of these families Lord, touch the hearts of those whom they encounter and provide for them – let your presence be known.

Calm our fears, God of Wisdom, we are fighting so many – fear of what might come. Fear of touching. Fear of exposure. Fear of what we can't see.

We are anxious and so we come to you. We implore you to intervene. To look kindly upon your creation and be moved to bring healing.

We believe and trust in your peace God, which surpasses all understanding, and will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen