



**March 27, 2020 - Prayer from Chaplain Venessa**

***The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want. He makes us lie down in green pastures;  
He leads us beside still waters; He restores our soul. He leads us in right paths for his name's sake.***

O God, our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. In your mercy, O God, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the virus. Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. In your mercy, O God, **Hear Our Prayer.**

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: caregivers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. In your mercy, O God, **Hear Our Prayer.**

We pray for protection in senior communities all over the nation and for our vulnerable populations: God, please protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured. For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease and provide isolation shelters in every city. For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support. In your mercy, O God, **Hear Our Prayer.**

For pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their congregants and love their cities well. For Christians in every neighborhood, community, and city: May your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to proclaim the

gospel, that the name of Jesus Christ might be glorified around the world. And those who do not know Jesus as their savior – we pray for their salvation. In your mercy, O God, **Hear Our Prayer.**

God of Love and inspiration, we are grateful for this Fowler community who inspire each other, who carry on with love and compassion, regardless their worry. And we are grateful for the knowledge and strength of the Fowler staff, God provide for them courage and direction.

In your mercy, O God **Hear Our Prayer.**

*Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil; for you are with us;  
your rod and your staff— they comfort us.*

*You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies you anoint our head with oil, our cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,  
and we shall dwell in the house of the LORD our whole life long.*

AMEN