



### **March 28, 2020 – Chaplain Venessa's Prayer**

***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.***

During this time of COVID-19, when we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;  
when information comes from all sides, help us to discern;  
when fear makes it hard to breathe, help us to slow us down and feel your breath. God; help us to reach out  
with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands; help us to be socially connected, when we have to be  
socially distant; help us to love as you first love us, because we know that "perfect love casts out all fear."

God of Abraham, Jacob, and Isaac, for all who have contracted COVID19, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are the most vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For humanity around the world, we pray for unity.

For scientist, doctors, and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

**In your mercy, Oh God hear our prayer**

We specifically lift-up the souls of this Juliette Fowler family, residents, staff, and support, the hearts that feel  
lonely, the bodies that hurt, and the minds that spin in circles of wariness. We pray for a spirit of calmness.

We pray especially for SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS, provide the health that is needed, and may your love be felt abundantly.

May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and house those without homes; may we walk with those who feel they are alone, and may we do all that we can to heal the sick— in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear. Help us, O God, that we might help each other.

Oh God, may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all.

**Be with us, Lord, in your mercy, 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**