



April 1, 2020 - Prayer from Chaplain Venessa

Psalm 21:6-7 adapted

You bestow on us blessings forever; you make us glad with the joy of your presence.

7 For we trust in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High we shall not be moved.

Loving and Merciful God, you sent us Jesus who traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of this global spread of the covid19, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Creator God, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow, continue to create new each day, bring us hope, in this long night.

May those who have died from the virus be at rest with you and know only Joy of your presence.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace, a peace that only comes from you Oh God.

We lift-up to you the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk. May they know your protection, your courage, and your strength.

Holy God, our hearts hurt over the effects of the spread of this virus, the isolation in life and in death, the separation of loved ones – it feels so long, we implore you to intervene – to change the course of the destruction occurring on so many levels in so many lives.

Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis.

Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love.

Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will.

Amen.