

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

at the time of the coronavirus epidemic

Almighty God, at this time of uncertainty, when the world faces forces outside its control, winds, floods, fire and now an unknown virus, we acknowledge how fragile our lives are, how vulnerable, and how interdependent. We depend upon your grace and faithfulness especially at times like these.

Save us from both panic and complacency. We pray for those working to keep us safe, government, scientists and medical workers. Give them wisdom and strength to face immense challenges.

Save us from needless fear and anxiety. We pray for the elderly and those with medical conditions, for children who are confused and unsure and for those who look after them. Give them patience and understanding.

Save us from despair and bitterness. We pray for those who are ill with severe conditions, in intensive care, and those who watch over them. We pray for those who have lost loved ones. Give them trust and hope, healing and peace.

Save us from being inward-looking and selfish. We pray for increasing cooperation across nations, for leaders and organisations. Give them open minds and generous hearts.

May we learn through this crisis to live better together on our shared planet, to respect creation and the common good.

We give thanks for others around the world who hold us in their prayers as we hold them.

We take comfort that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“Let your steadfast love be upon us, O Lord, even as we hope in you” (Ps. 33).

All these prayers we offer in his name. Amen.