

For Peace in Anxiety During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving God,

we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. As we turn you, fill us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone; you are always with us.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support.

We pray:

- especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened;
- for the children who will miss meals due to school closures;
- for those who can't be with their loved ones or can't be with their church family and yearn for the Eucharist;
- for those already isolated, lonely and scared;
- for those who are vulnerable, through illness and/or age;
- for all civic, medical, church and family leaders;
- for those who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus and for those who are waiting to be tested or waiting for results;
- for those who have died and for the families who have lost loved ones;

Loving God, give all your peace, and through our hands, ensure all have what they need.

Sustain, strengthen and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism, you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen.