

Risen Lord,

We thank you, that we can still worship you, not as we normally do, gathered as a church family but we are thankful for the technology we have that allows us to continue to gather, in our homes and we do so now to Worship and praise you.

We offer you all that we have - for the use of the Church and for your glory. We make an offering of not just our money but of our time, something we have a bit more of right now, and something that we can put to good use by giving it to others. We thank you for the gift of time that many in our communities and those around the country, offer each other. Time, to show your love, to be in touch with those in need. Time, to show we care and show that we love others as ourselves, in the way you asked us to.

We pray for those who are finding this a very difficult time, those who are worried about their own health or the health of their loved ones. We pray for those with money worries, who maybe wonder how they are going to get through this and manage to continue to pay their bills and put food on their table. Lord, this is a genuine struggle right now. Be with us and give us your strength, be with all those who have stepped up to serve you and to serve our community in whichever ways they can. We pray for those who are exceptionally busy and equally stressed, we think now of the key workers, give them your peace Lord. We are seeing here and now true examples of people living to give others a better life. Keep them safe Lord.

We pray also for those who are feeling hopeless, feelings of “what is the point” and we know there are too many who think this way. Be with them Lord. Be with the bereaved, the lonely and the lost. May they turn to and find you Lord, as you are there for us all.

We come to you Lord as a world in need, of your hope, your love and your wisdom. Be with the scientists and doctors searching for a cure for this awful pandemic. Be with our leaders as they guide our country and indeed the world. May they do whatever is in their power to ease the burden of all those in need.

Hear our prayers Lord and fill us with your Grace, mercy and Peace as we join in saying the words you taught us –

Our Father in Heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come; your will be done on Earth as in Heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever,

Amen.

