

Prayer of Gratitude and Love for One Another

Creator of all life and all hope, hear our prayers:

As the world grows anxious and fearful in this pandemic, may your spirit of healing, comfort, and peace be known to us.

Merciful one, you created all people, all nations and all faith traditions, that we might come to know and care for each other.

In this time of uncertainty, when we feel the inadequacy of human understanding and find no easy answers to this challenge, may we always feel connected to you and to those who suffer. Help us comfort those who grieve, feed the hungry, and offer rest to the dying.

Holy One, we give thanks for your love in action through the courage of healthcare workers, and all those providing food and safety – drivers and couriers, the men and women of our police and fire departments, food store workers, food pantry volunteers and all who risk their lives for others.

Continue to inspire us through the united efforts of government leaders, business leaders, faith leaders, medical institutions, frontline workers and more.

Guide our leaders to make wise and equitable decisions that protect and support the future of our communities. We acknowledge your inspiration influencing breakthroughs to fight this pandemic.

For your merciful hand in our lives and bringing people together in a righteous cause, we are grateful.

As the pandemic brings changes that sweep over us and uncertainty surrounds us, help us to trust that your hand is leading us. Help us trust in your power to heal and bring new life.

We are weak and demonstrate our imperfections daily, yet we desire to be more holy.

This time can be a time of great learning. Please open our hearts to holiness that we may learn the lessons you are trying to teach us. Teach us to be patient, to be non-judgmental, and to recognize that seeing the best in each other is how we should live.

May our love for each other be demonstrated in our compassion and action. May we strive to show love for each other as you love us.

As this period of great challenge dissipates, help us to remember what we have learned from your mercy and inspiration during this time. Let us not fall back into our arrogant ways, and let us not turn away from our trust and faith in you.

Always and forever, you are with us, and nothing can separate us from your love. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.