Holy God, comfort your people in this time of sadness and struggle. May your mercy and strength surround and uphold us all. We remember those in special need of your care, including:

* Caregivers & healers: doctors, nurses, health aides, chaplains, nursing home and group home staff, and many others.
* Family and friends of our congregation:
* Those living in nursing homes, elder care facilities, at the VA
* Those who are experiencing isolation & loneliness; all who live alone
* Those working in grocery stores, food services, pharmacies, factories; service and delivery workers; all whose work exposes them to health risks
* Those whose work and financial health is impacted: small business owners; self employed and hourly workers; all who have been furloughed or fired.
* Those struggling with addiction
* Students, teachers, and parents: under strain; missing learning, friendships, important transitions, opportunities to find work, and more
* Government and community leaders
* All of us, in our struggle with systemic racism in and around us, and its tragic impacts
* Those who are afraid; all whose hearts are weary.
* Those in quarantine: Carter and Littleton Minuteman Arc Houses
* Those currently ill with COVID-19
* Those recovering from COVID-19: Pastor Gretchen
* All those living with illness, recovering from injury, seeking healing & relief:
* Those struggling with mental health issues
* Those healing from abuse or trauma
* All who are nearing death
* We offer up our grief, and pray with those who are grieving:  We mourn those who died due to COVID-19
* We remember all who grieve these losses and others. We mourn the injustices and inequalities magnified in this pandemic.
* We mourn the loss of George Floyd and all who have died due to racism.
* We mourn our many personal losses: routines and special events; resources and securities; pleasures and comforts; church as it is in person.

God of all comfort and consolation, we entrust all your beloved children, and our own hearts, and your wide creation, into your tender care. Bless us with peace in this time; release and relief from our anxiety; courage to meet each day; moments of consolation and hope. Help us also to discover and treasure the gifts of these days: Searching our hearts, we give thanks for the blessings we have experienced and witnessed… Thank you for the unending and grounding grace which you offer. May we accept its bounty, and because of your blessings, be a blessing to others. Amen.