

### **A Prayer in the Midst of Crisis**

God of searching and knowing, your people Israel faced famine and wilderness, and your church has known persecution and hardship.

Be close to all your children in this time of bewilderment and fear.

Make this time of cessation and isolation one in which your Spirit reveals new ways to be together, fresh discoveries in worship, different gestures of care, and innovative forms of compassion.

Encourage the vulnerable, comfort the impoverished, inspire the anxious and give wisdom to those who govern.

Lift up our hearts that we may see the abundance of what is still beautiful and true, not be captivated by what is lost and absent, and find new gifts in ourselves and one another.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, who knew what it meant to be alone.

**Amen.**

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**