



### **A Prayer for August 25, 2020**

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Loving God, hear our prayers as we join before you. You reach out in love to each of us, whatever our condition, whether we are happy or sad, worried or hopeful, when we are perplexed and when we are at peace. You know our needs before we ask, and the prayers for which we do not even have words. May your Spirit light upon us now as we pray for ourselves and for those around us.

We pray for our world, in all its beauty and complexity, with all its problems and possibilities, its tensions and divisions, its fears and unknowns. Help us to see it through your eyes, and care for it with the love you give us. We ask for your saving and life giving love, especially for those afflicted by this ongoing pandemic. Hear our cries of frustration and of pain, and sustain us through the challenges before us. As we try to grapple with the racial tensions and challenges of this time, we ask for your support in confronting our own false ideas of others, fears of change, and sometimes fear of one another. Give us humility to accept what we do not know or understand, and an openness to learn and be changed through your love. Guide our leaders in ways of justice and peace, where young and old, rich and poor, powerful and powerless, are treated with dignity and worth.

Hear the prayers and concerns we bring with us today.

And give us your peace.

Amen.