



## **A Prayer for May 19, 2020**

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for your goodness to us. We thank you for the peace that you have given in these days. We thank you for the contentment that is ours in the midst of stress, strain and uncertainty. We thank you for the calm presence of the Holy Spirit. We thank you that we have you to lean upon. We thank you for our fellowship, though we are separated these days from close contact, and yet Lord our hearts remain entwined with one another and with you. We thank you for all our residents, staff and administration.

We ask that your protection would be upon each one of us. Hold us close, watch over us, and guide us. Give us an added touch of your calmness and presence. May all who give of their time and talents, receive added strength.

We ask, oh God, for a new touch. We ask that you would help us to see you in the midst of all we do. We ask that you would help us to hear you in our midst of our lives of service. In the stillness and the quietness of our lives, may we find you dwelling there with us.

As we pause now, we ask for a gentle movement of your Spirit, that you would give us serenity and contentment and the rock-solid calm assurance that you,

indeed, are in control. In the past, you have spoken to the storm to bring about quietness to the chaos. You have breathed on the waters of the sea and caused them to part, providing a way of deliverance from death and harm. We need such a command from you to the storms of our lives in these days. We need the breath of your power to make a way forward, where there seems to be deep waters. We stand in the shadow of your grace and trust in the providence of your care.

May we see the horizon and recognize it as the dawn of a new day of opportunity, strength and service. This we ask in the power of your name.

Amen