



A Prayer for June 2, 2020

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Gracious and Loving God, your desire is for your wholeness and well-being. Today and every day we hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of the world in which we live.

Our Prayers are for –

- Sisters and brothers around the world who are affected by COVID-19 Coronavirus;
- Those most vulnerable to this disease because of age, health, or circumstance;
- Healthcare workers and all who are serving others; and
- All those who risk exposure daily to bring healing.

We also pray and grieve for the dying and for the many who have already experienced their final healing. We pray for and give thanks to those who are willing to engage in quarantine for the sake of everyone at risk.

O God, we ache for our neighbors and ourselves as we face an uncertain future. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal new and creative ways to come together in spirit and solidarity. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely in alignment with the common good and guide the world's scientist to discover a vaccine for this planet-wide crisis.

During this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, may we find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Indeed, may love, not fear, grow viral.

O God, You have always protected us and loved us with a power and a presence that is stronger than death. Call us anew to a profound trust in your faithful presence and may your blessings and peace be with us now and always.

Amen