



A Prayer for March 31, 2020

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Everlasting God, you never fail to help your people. Throughout history we read how you have acted in love toward the people that you made fearfully and wonderfully. When they cried out to you, you heard their cries and responded in love. When they and we turn away from you, you do not turn your back on us. Lord, you know our weaknesses.

In your word you whisper, “Be Still and Know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10) and yet the voices of the media shout about death tolls and shortages in lifesaving medical equipment. Remind us that your word also tell us, “Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed” (Deuteronomy 31:6,8).

In this time of trouble, give us a steadfast mind and fill us with your peace as we put our trust in you. Help us not to worry about anything, but turn to you always in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving so that your peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6).

This day, O God, we pray not only for ourselves but also for those who are sick and need healing. We pray also for those who are caring for them; the family, doctors, nurses, technicians and healthcare workers. We pray for those in leadership, at Westminster Communities, in our nation and around the world, who are tasked with making decisions on behalf of your people. Give them wisdom and strength to make the right decisions.

Especially we pray for the residents and their family members who placed their trust in us. Help us, Lord, to provide appropriate care delivered with love, peace and hope.

Keep ever-present in our minds Jesus' words, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.