



A PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Loving God, throughout the Scriptures you call us to “Fear not!”, but these are troubling times for the hardiest souls.

Give us courage to face the challenges of this new threat to your human family.

Give us prudence, to do the necessary things to protect ourselves and others.

Give us the clarity of vision to learn from this disease the lesson we are too prone to forget, that we are all connected, regardless of race or nationality or political persuasion.

We pray for those who are struggling with this disease, that their health may be restored.

We pray for the medical personnel and first responders caring for those in need, that they remain healthy and unflagging in their life-saving work.

And we pray for all those economically impacted, that they may find the resources to maintain themselves and their families.

We ask all this, trusting in your abiding love, a love that even death cannot defeat. Amen.

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