

Something Different

This week we have some prayers taken from a collection sent in by Diana Fulbrook.

Thank you Diana!

Although these prayers were written when the virus was new, many of the issues caused by it will be with us for a long while.

We could use these particular prayers to pray for ourselves as a church as we start to come out of lockdown.

What will church look like now?

The first two pictures were used in the prayer collection. I had not heard of the artist. His paintings are amazing. Thank you Diana!

Maybe spend some time looking, thinking, meditating, being with Jesus in the pictures.

Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Eighty ecumenical prayers and reflections for
the COVID-19 crisis from the worldwide church (10 18 20 58)*

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Holy God, as we move
into being your church in new ways
may we pray for and support one another,
and know the inner calm
that comes from faith in you.

Bless those who are sick
and those who are anxious and alone.

As we experience physical isolation
may our social connections be made stronger.
As people of all nations may we unite in peace
so that your love will always be present.

Bless us through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Let us pray:

For the spiritual welfare of our congregations.

May members take a warm personal interest in one another's welfare.

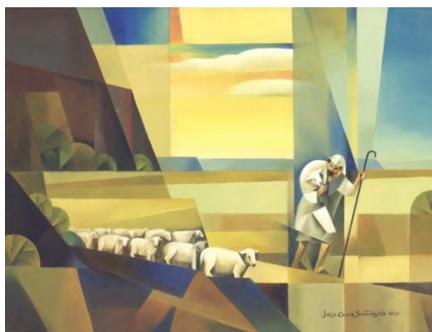
May we all be active in pastoral care.

In the greater events of life it is our duty and privilege to share in one another's joys and sorrows.

May we remember that sympathy thus shown is a potent means of binding us in closer fellowship.

Amen.

Adapted from Friends House London
(Quaker faith & practice 10.17)



God of compassion, God-with-us, be with us in these times of uncertainty.
Break into our lives, rekindle our hope and breathe love into our communities,
that we might find new ways of supporting and upholding one another,
bearing witness to your inclusive love of family, friend, neighbour, and stranger alike.

May our love for those most vulnerable in our community become a beacon of hope for all.

In faith, hope, and love, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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O Jesus, be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life.
Be the rudder that keeps me in the straight road.
Be the outrigger that supports me in times of temptation.
Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day.
Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly on in the voyage of life.
We ask this prayer though Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Melanesian Prayer