

## Prayers of the People

*As you pray with these prayers, you are invited to pause after each reflection to add your personal prayers*

Loving, creating God; people throughout the world, inside and outside your Church, are sick, fearful, and in need of good shepherds. We pray now for those in leadership in the Church and across the nations of the world, that they be led by Wisdom, compassion and love and that they not be overwhelmed by the burdens placed upon them.

We pray for those in hospitals, clinics and in the fields, that they be upheld by our love for them and, especially, by your Divine Love for all. Bless those in support staffs, in laboratories, and all those who have stepped forward in this crisis, from the greatest to the most overlooked.

We pray for those who are ill, especially those suffering from the Coronavirus. But we pray for all others who suffer from disease and distress, mental anguish, loneliness and despair. May they know the power of their own spirit, and Yours.

Continue to grant to all of us power to overcome our divisions and pridefulness and stand in unity to face the dangers ahead. Remind us that at the end of every dark night, there is a dawning.

We pray for the family of St. Philip's in our diaspora, reminding us that we are separated for the greater good. Though separated for a time, guide us in knowing that love forever reaches beyond space and time.=

All this we ask in the name of the One who came teaching us to pray. *AMEN*