

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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“He said not 'Thou shalt not be tempested, thou shalt not be travailed, thou shalt not be dis-eased'; but he said, 'Thou shalt not be overcome.’”

Dear Father,

It is with love in our hearts and joy in our minds that we now spend a few short moments to praise and worship you. It is with awe and amazement that as we walk in your creation we see the greening of the woods and the colouring of the hedgerows, the pinks the blues and the yellows of the spring flowers. And we know that you are with us, your promise is shown in the new growth the same promise that was given to Noah.

Our minds are focused on the current pandemic a disease that is sweeping the entire globe. We are all concerned and worried about the future, one that is uncertain. We give thanks that we are beginning to see the road ahead but it is a long road and pray that we may travel that road with strength and hope that at the end of that journey we will be more loving and aware of the love of our neighbour and the greatness of your guiding strength.

At times we can only see for ourselves but as we travel on we pray for the many who are suffering so much pain and stress. When we pause to think and pray we see those for whom the lockdown is truly a prison. The families who live in blocks of flats with little personal space and reduced income and no opportunity to enjoy the open spaces . The mental anguish we cannot imagine. For families separated in care homes or hospital without a loved one to feel, to touch, comfort and cherish.

We see the love of neighbours, friends and family who keep in touch to see that others are safe and well, who will collect groceries, who listen and

share stories. This is the love which shared, grows in each one of us, the love that you showed to us in the life of your Son Jesus.

In the blindness of our own fears we pray for those we have forgotten. Their stories have disappeared from the news, the refugees facing untold privation in a foreign and hostile country, we commend them to you O lord and pray that they will be remembered.

We pray for the work of Christian Aid as they seek new ways to continue their work of Christian love and support.

Amen

*“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*