Prayer of the People

Officiant:
O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church and the world.

Leader:
For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for creative minds and determined spirits to meet the challenges ahead. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop Kym, our Bishop, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For all affected by the coronavirus in Colorado and around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For public health and government officials in our nation. Grant them the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for the President of the United States, the Congress, Governors, and elected officials in local municipalities. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, especially those with the Coronavirus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them patience, courage, and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For the safety and well-being of all who must travel during these perilous times and those who remain quarantined. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For all who are consumed with fear and anxiety. Give us courage to meet the days ahead, that confidence in your providence, we may only take what we need and be generous in sharing our resources. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.
For all those who minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill them with your Holy Spirit as they work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For those who have already lost friends and family to the Corona virus and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love and the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For all those people and situations on our hearts, which we now offer to God, either silently or aloud.

A moment of silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Prayer from Gloucester Cathedral)