

We come to the One who Resurrects;

All-powerful God, we pray for the church and for those who persevere in your purposes,  
that all who love you might be united in your service.

We pray for the faithful.

*...silent prayer....*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You give life to the earth which is our home,  
we pray that we will cherish all that has breath  
and that we will use creation's gifts respectfully for wholeness and

*....silent prayer.....*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, we pray for the people in the pain of sickness or loneliness, fear or loss,  
for those who need your persistent faithfulness, and our persistent caring.

We pray for all those we name out loud,

and for those we name in our hearts.

**We keep these loved ones in our prayers;** Dagmar Hudson,  
Barb Rogers, Joanne & Tom Ogawa, Nettie Klimik, Laurie Keller,  
Samantha Kelly, Peggy Wilkie, Candace, Harmony, Destiny, Joanne Fraser,  
Shelly Stewart, Michael Brotsche, Jean & Don Burgess, Rylan, Kevin  
Michael Kelly, Mary Ann Ellis, Ferdinand and his family, Marg Edmonds,  
the Barboson family, Darlene, Jasmine Pearo, Randy, Preya, Kim  
Dorothy Liang's son-in-law; Robert... her sister; Margaret

*...silent prayer....*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for all who suffer oppression,  
we pray for refugees, the homeless, and those on the margins.  
May new patterns of living together be life-giving and respectful.

Holy God, we were shocked by the news of the shootings in Nova Scotia  
last weekend.

“Did I hear that right?” How could this have happened?

Disbelief, anger, grief and sadness fill our hearts.

The media tells us a lot about the number of deaths...highest number, ever...

But, for each family there is only One loss....

whether one or two loved ones are now gone, there is only One loss. ....

Don't let us focus on the number.

*...silent prayer.....*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayers

Please hold the families in your hands.  
Please hold the communities where they lived.  
Please hold Nova Scotia, and Canada, and the world.

Help us to find a way to comfort those who are grieving.  
We can't be close to them  
but we can stay with them, support them, and love them; through you.  
We pray that they can feel you; through us.

*...silent prayer.....*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Another tragedy; Covid-19, has affected your whole world.

We are united in our illness, in our death.

In our realizing the need to share the resources of the world...  
medical equipment, all medical staff, farmers, money, medication;  
in taking responsibly for our own corner....distancing, washing, praying;  
in staying connected with those we love, even from afar-  
across the street, across town, on the other side of the world.

We've heard these things so many times in the past few weeks;  
grant us courage, strength, and patience to not let them become something 'in the background.'

Be with us when we see someone who isn't doing well during this crisis,  
help us encourage them not to be afraid, and to seek the help they need.

*...silent prayer...*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer

The world is an unfamiliar and scary place right now,  
but we know you are there, you will always be there.  
You give us hope.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.

Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.