

We come to God,

*“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I got here to prepare a place for you?”*

In your house, O God, there is room for all.
In your house there is a room for every displaced person,
for every orphaned child, for every youth seeking shelter,
for every homeless man or woman, for every creature on earth.
There is room for all who have lost homes, left homes, or never had a home.

In your house, there is room for us all.

We pray this week for those who search for a safe place.
We pray for homes that are filled with grief,
and for homes that are empty of love, or food for the table.
Our prayer today is for this earth to be a safe and welcoming place for all.

In your house, there is room for us all.

Today our World Prayers are for the world.
We can Almost See a little bit of the lessening of the illness, the separation,
and the economic hardship of Covid19.... but we won’t forget to see you.
Please help us to stay calm and not rush ahead into life the way it used to be.

In your house, there is room for us all.

We pray that all churches, temples, synagogues, mosques,
and places of worship will be a safe and sacred place.
We pray for the prisoner whose home is a tiny cell.

We pray for those whose hospital bed in an ICU -is their home right now,
please help them to go home to their families.

In your house, there is room for us all.

We pray for those we know and love who are ill in spirit,
for those who await treatment, surgery, or medical tests.
We pray your gentle hand will comfort them.

We pray for those who mourn;
for Bettie Klimec's family as they grieve,
for the families in Nova Scotia whose loved ones were killed in the shooting,
for 6 families who lost a loved one in the Canadian Armed Forces helicopter crash.
-for the Jutras family (Judi, Diana), as they mourn the passing of their sister Shirley
-for Christy Euler as she mourns the passing of her Uncle Bill, and the anniversary of her dad, Joe Euler

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, Laurie Keller, the Barbosa family, Samantha Kelly, Kim, Preya, Randy,
Peggy Wilkie, Candace, Harmony, Destiny, Joanne Fraser, Shelley Stewart, Jasmine Pearo
Michael Brotsche, Jean & Don Burgess, Rylan, Kevin, Michael Kelly, Darlene, Mary-Ann Ellis,
Ferdinand and his family, Marg Edmonds, Dorothy Liang's son-in-law; Robert... her sister; Margaret

We pray for Sylvia Bowers, for continued healing her daughter, Shelagh who had surgery at
VGH last week to repair a fractured bone in her leg, after a fall at Sylvia's.
God, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the "front-line" workers.
When they have no strength left after a long shift, help them know they can lean on you.

We pray for Friends who shop and prepare meals for those
who aren't able to pay for groceries, and we pray for those who to pick up
prescriptions for seniors. Remind us to call someone who is lonely.
And help us to continue banging our pots and pans....a loving, thankful noise!

In the midst of these serious and urgent prayers, there is joy.
Birthdays and anniversaries! Jaden, Jamie, James, Joanne, Candace & Jose

With great happiness we celebrate with Noah, the birth of his new baby boy;
Lucas Samuel deVerheyen. Born April 27, 2020 in Friedrichshofen, Germany.
We pray you will bless this family with your love and grace.
We thank you, God, for the miracle of new life.

We say together the prayer Jesus taught us:

Holy Mystery, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy names,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is 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 kingdom the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.