

Let us pray:

Loving God,
too often we hear of, and see, people in need
and are able to overlook them.
But you are a God who knows each of us by name
and never overlooks us.

Compel us to look more closely at situations and people in need,
for when we take the time to know the names of those we see,
we cannot help
but notice our common humanity.

When we see our common humanity
it becomes harder to turn away
and easier to reach out in love.

In this sacred moment,
we name the people and situations for which we are concerned,
and for whom we pray.

Hear the names, as we read them out loud, or in the silence of our hearts,
of the ones we know and love who need your strength.

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,
Dorothy Liang's son-in-law; Robert... her sister, Margaret

Today we pray for Marg and George Edmonds as George continues his recovery.
We pray for Candace's brother-in-law, George Browne, for his continued healing.
We pray for all who are ill, or in trouble, or in any kind of need.

Today we pray for the Bowers family, as they mourn the passing of Sylvia.
We pray for the Ogawa family, as they mourn the passing of Tom's brother, Mas.

We pray for all who mourn, who know the pain of the loss of a loved one;
-not just from Covid-19, but many other illnesses, accidents, violence, suicide,
neglect and over-doses...and for Seniors, whose time on this is earth is finished.
They all leave behind family and friends who grieve. Comfort them.

We pray that your justice will come to all people in the United States
and around the world. May all voices be heard. May your voice be heard.
You are here among us.

We pray for the world, your world, as we continue to do our best to
live with Covid-19, for now. Help us to be safe, to care for ourselves, and others.
The world keeps saying the words, 'new normal.' We aren't sure exactly what
that means, but we do know one thing that hasn't changed;
your presence, and your love for us. We thank you.

We pray this day, to you, our God;
you invite us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.

You invite us to be fools in the world,
to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

You encourage us to be obedient to your command
so that we might know true freedom.

We pray to you, our Creator,
seeking to have our faith challenged into new growth.
We root our faith in worship,
seeking to find nourishment for our spirits.

We pray your sustaining power will be with us,
Most Holy God, forever and ever, world without end.

We end our prayers,

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