

God, you are the One who loves with abandon,
so teach us, we pray, to learn to love like you do: with a luxuriant lavishness.

We give thanks for mothers and fathers,
sisters and brothers, friends and other people in our lives,
who have given us a taste of that kind of love:
a love that runs out to welcome us home
no matter how far we have wandered.

We pray that through our faltering efforts
others may come to know that they are welcome,
and know they are home again.

We thank you, God,
for the feasts we sit down to enjoy,
for the celebrations we have, and for the invitations we are given
to share in the joy of reunion, and life renewed.

We pray in quietness for those known to us,
for whom life's fare has become bitter, tasteless, or harsh
or harsh through loss or betrayal, through illness or grief, through resentment
or anger.

We pray today for those who need all of the love you offer;
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, Darlene,
Rylan, Joanne & Tom Ogawa, Laurie Keller, the Barbosa family, Samantha Kelly,
Kim, Peggy Wilkie, Candace, Harmony, Destiny, Joanne Fraser, Preya, Randy,
Kevin, Michael Brotsche, Jean & Don Burgess, Michael Kelly,
the Bowers family, Mary Ann Ellis, Jasmine Pear

We pray for Dorothy Liang's sister, Margaret. She is unresponsive, her children
are able to leave Australia, but are waiting to hear from the Singapore gov't.
(as of July 11th) ...her son-in-law; Robert... and her brother; Edward (Australia)
And we pray for Dorothy, who is worried about her family being so far away.
Reassure her with your presence as she continues to take care of herself in isolation.

For Bob Favel (and Norma) undergoing rehab from his fall...he's coming along.
For Craig Wright who has brain cancer.
For Douglas Kelly (Helen's nephew), who also brain cancer.

For George Brown, who is now blind in one eye, and balance has been affected.
We pray for strength and healing.
We place them all in your hands, O God.

We pray for Vic Euler's family and loved ones as they mourn. He will be missed by many, and us, his faith community. On Saturday, a small group of family and close friends celebrated his life, and the joy and humour (his jokes) and the quiet kindness he brought to all who knew him.

We pray for Walter Tanzler's family as they grieve his loss.
We pray Jose's family, his Auntie Lipa (in the Philippines), as they mourn the passing of his cousin, Jaruko Dilgato, who has died of Covid.
We hold in our prayers the Nagata family, as they mourn the passing of Kory.

We pray for the Syred family, as Barbara's son, Craig, had heart surgery on Tuesday afternoon. We pray you will hold them.

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Touch all these with a healing and love, we pray;
and, if you will, use our hands, our words, our presence
to make that touch real for them....

(silent prayer)

Help us remember friends and neighbours, and strangers in a far off countries.
Help us to remember the world is still struggling to make a new life during
this pandemic.

Loving God, most prodigal of parents, you give your beloved child
that we might find life through him:
the life of abundance and fullness that is your deepest dream for each of us.

Through Christ you call us friends, and welcome us home again and again.
Grant that in all our living, day by day,
we may prove faithful ambassadors of Christ,
faithful bearers and sharers of that life and love.

In Jesus' name we bring these prayers, spoken and silent
hear us as we pray this day; Our Father who art in heaven