

Prayer for Peace, Hope and Justice

Loving God who gives generously to all of life.

You are our Hope and give freely the seeds of flowers and trees reminding us of abundant growth and diversity.

We give thanks to the Artist who reminds us of eggs as symbols of hope in vessels Loving God, who accompanies us in all seasons of life.

You have given us many gifts including the gift of swimming in the seas with the constantly crashing waves on the shores and over our bodies, the gift of knowing you are always with us.

We give thanks to the Artist who reminds us of the gift of water for cleansing and healing.

Loving God who experienced all of life on earth in joys and sorrows and suffering You know our ways and are with us in all life experiences. Even in this long overwhelming pandemic.

We give thanks to the Artist who sees the truth of how we are coping in this new experience, as lost souls and fearful faces.

For this is who we have become living through this pandemic.

We feel our fears unfold before us: unemployment, loss of income, changes in our work routines and the loss of many lives.

We respond from our fear and disturbances to take what is not ours, become stuck in our ways and allow anxiety to gnaw our already frail beings.

We have been made aware through the pandemic of the many things we have taken for granted, including

Our ideas and ways about freedom. We can go anywhere.

Living out selfish ways. We can do whatever we want to.

Treating others as we choose. We are more important than others.

We prefer to forget that we are vulnerable and our lives are just but a thin thread.

We acknowledged the Artist's insight and admit that we are 'lost souls'.

We ask for grace Loving God to remind us each moment that You are with us in all of our experiences.

We ask for grace Loving God that You would calm our fears and hold them in Your tender embrace.

We ask for grace Loving God for ways to see hope and that your hope is within each of us.

May we trust Love and seek goodness and live harmoniously upon the earth in peace and with assurance.

May we delight in Love and enjoy the many gifts.

May we know that Hope lives within each of us, the hope to which we have been called by Love.

May we know this hope through Love that we can each make a small difference to this suffering world.

Amen

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