

Weekly Noon Prayers

April 14-21, 2020

Tuesday 14 April Noon Prayer

Gracious Lord,

Be with those who are in danger this day. We pray for those who are in situations of domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse, we ask your blessing of safety upon them. We remember today too those who do not have shelter, adequate food, or financial stability. Help us to reach out to them and assist them. Grant you comfort, your protection, and shower us with your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Wednesday 15 April Noon Prayer

Let us join in solidarity with those around the world by praying the Lord's Prayer at noon this day.

Thursday 16 April Noon Prayer

Loving God,

You showed yourself to you disciples when they were gathered, once without Thomas present, and once with Thomas present. You turned the world upside down by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. And now the world is turned upside down by the corona virus. Show us how to create a new normal in our world that is kinder, gentler, more loving, and compassionate. Give us your guidance and strength as we celebrate the Resurrection and the seek to recreate our lives in the midst of this pandemic. Be with those who are ill, those who care for them and those who will die this day. In Jesus' name we pray.

Friday 17 April Noon Prayer

Good and Gracious God,

We are grateful that the curve for the corona virus is flattening and we give thanks for all who are making that possible. Grant wisdom and guidance to our leaders as they work to find ways to "reopen" even while the corona virus is still present. Give us patience as we look forward to resuming many activities that we miss knowing that everything will not open all at once. Send your comfort and healing touch on all who are ill, all who are working to restore them to health and to those who will die this day. In Jesus' name we pray.

Saturday 18 April Noon Prayer

Loving God,

We give you thanks for all the blessings you give us in this time of pandemic. We give you thanks for essential workers who made every day better. We give you thanks for technology that helps us connect when we are physically separated. We give you thanks for the healing that has taken place. Be with us today and every day guiding us with your loving and forgiving presence. In Jesus' name we pray.

Sunday 19 April Noon Prayers

Prayers for today taken from Sundays and Seasons and used for worship.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. (*Here other worldwide ministries may be named.*) Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith (*especially Olavus Petri and Laurentius Petri, renewers of the church*). Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Monday 20 April Noon Prayers

Loving God,

We give you thanks for the beauty of creation and the unintended consequence of the pandemic that is healing creation. Help us to be better stewards of your creation as we begin to create a new normal in

our lives. Help us to live more generously, more compassionately, more in tune with each other. As we re-learn to be the church help us to think creatively and passionately about our calling as Christians. Guide us to re-form your church in 2020. Be with those in need this day and shower them with your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Tuesday 21 April Noon Prayer

Healing God,

Be with those who are working to heal this day. We pray for doctors, nurses, technicians and therapists of every kind, assistants and support personnel, housekeeping, dietary, and maintenance. Bless them with your strength, your compassion, your knowledge and give them your comfort. Be with their families and keep them healthy and safe. We pray for researchers, scientists and all those working to improve testing, develop cures, and vaccines for the corona virus. Send your healing touch on those who are ill and comfort their families. In Jesus' name we pray.